

## How to Make a Composter

### YOU WILL NEED:

- Metal Garbage Can (10gal)
- Drill and 3/8 inch pilot drill bit for metal
- Shovel

### Step One:



Select a metal garbage can with locking lid; 10 gallon size is recommended.

A locking lid will keep out wildlife.



### Step Two:



Make sure the can is stable on the ground before attempting to drill. Then using the drill fitted with the 3/8 inch bit, create holes all the way around the can.



Space the holes about 3 inches apart and do this over the lower half of the can. (Neatness is not an issue, you won't see the holes.)



Flip the can upside down and using similar spacing, drill holes in the bottom.



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### Step Three:



Select a location in the yard that is practical to get to, especially in the winter. It can be in either shade or sun.

Dig a hole the width of the can and half the depth. Place the can deep enough so that the holes in the can are below the surface while leaving at least 6 inches exposed. Tamp the soil.

### Step Four:

To start your composting efforts, layer an inch or so of garden soil at the bottom. For every addition of kitchen scraps, add a scant shovel full of soil to lightly cover. The smaller the pieces of stuff you put in, the easier it is for the insects, worms and microbes to break it down.



This is the perfect size composting system for your kitchen scraps, but remember, **vegetable matter only**. Tea bags are okay, as are coffee grounds, apple peels, etc., but no meat or dairy products.



### Once full, start another!

The decomposers will find their way into the composter and will work to break things down. In about a year (or less) you'll be able to turn the resulting compost into your garden.



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