



# How to build a wormery



## Equipment needed

- Large plastic drinks bottle
- Sand
- Trowel
- Soil
- Worms
- Leaves
- Skewer or something sharp
- Scissors
- Dark card/paper

- Cut the top off the drinks bottle and pierce some small holes at the base and part way up the bottle.
- Using the trowel put some soil into the bottom of the bottle forming a layer at the base (approximately 5 cm).
- Next put a small layer of sand on top of the soil - make sure the sand layers aren't too thick. Above the sand put a layer of leaves.
- Repeat this layering until almost reaching the top of the bottle and finish with a layer of leaves at the top.
- Find some worms and put about 5-10 into your wormery.
- Store in a cool dark place with a piece of dark card or paper over the top of the bottle. Ensure the wormery is kept moist but not wet
- This wormery is only designed to be a temporary one and should only be kept for about a week. The worms should then be returned to where they were found otherwise they may not survive.
- Although you will not see the full effect of the worms in a week, you should start to see tunnelling and mixing of the layers.

