

Making an ant farm

Equipment

- small transparent container with lid
- large transparent container with lid
- spoon or lollipop stick
- soil
- ants
- food for ants such as honey, sugar, bread dipped in sugary water or tiny pieces of fruit and vegetables.



Method

- 1 Put the lid on the small container and place it in the centre of the larger container.
- 2 Add soil to the space between the two containers.
- 3 Locate an ants nest and use a spoon or lollipop stick to carefully collect at least 20 ants.
- 4 Put the ants on the soil and quickly put the lid on the large container. Ask an adult to punch some tiny air holes in the top.
- 5 Feed the ants regularly by sprinkling food on top of the soil and add a little water to keep the soil moist.
- 6 Observe the ant's behaviour over the following days and weeks.
- 7 When finished with the ants, put them back near their original nest.



Warning: Only collect black garden ants. Red ants and wood ants can bite.