

Making a wormery

Equipment

- large, clean glass jar with lid containing air holes
- moist soil
- gravel or small stones
- sand
- earthworms from the garden
- vegetable peelings
- garden leaves
- black paper



Method

- 1 Gently place small stones or gravel at the bottom of the glass jar.
- 2 Sprinkle in a layer of soil.
- 3 Add a layer of sand. Keep adding layers of soil and sand until the jar is just over half full.
- 4 Lay vegetable peelings and garden leaves over the top.
- 5 Carefully add the earthworms.
- 6 Wrap black paper around the wormery to prevent light from entering.
- 7 Securely fit the lid.
- 8 Place the wormery somewhere dark and cool.
- 9 Add more vegetable peelings and garden leaves as needed and sprinkle on a little water to keep the soil moist.
- 10 Every few days, take the black paper off the jar and observe the earthworms and the changes in the layers of sand and soil.
- 11 When finished with the earthworms, put them back outside.