



Make your own compost pile

You've heard of the 'r's - reduce, reuse and recycle, now add 'rot' to it and think about creating a compost heap in your school or at home.



Time for activity

A few months

You will need

2 compost bins, an equal mix of green, wet organic matter (grass clippings, veg and fruit peel, hedge clippings) and brown organic matter (dry sticks, straw, wood shavings).

Instructions

Make sure everything you plan to put in the compost bin is chopped up small, this gives a larger surface area for all the tiny microbes to work on and decompose. In the end it will also make a finer compost.

1. Start by filling one of your compost bins.
2. After 6-8 weeks worm activity starts to occur (you can use it for a top layer on your garden (a mulch) at this point.
3. After 3-6 months empty out the compost bin and 'turn' the contents. This means mix it up with a garden fork. Shovel it into the 2nd compost bin and start filling the 1st one again.