

MAKE A WORMERY...

I came across an amazingly simple way to make a wormery from a little facebook site called 'Tiny Nook Playground' - this is great way to see how our worm friends do their thing, and what they like to eat.

You will need:

- A clean see through container (jam jar, plastic bottle/cup with no lid)
- Fabric square for the top
- Elastic band
- Soil
- Sand
- Fruit or veg waste (no onions or citrus fruits)
- Grass/leaves
- Thick card or paper to cut out the light in the jar
- WORMS



1. Make sure your container is clean and free from any soap/cleaning products... worms don't like these
2. Have your sand, soil, food waste, leaves ready and then layer them into your container one by one - soil, sand, food waste, soil sand, food waste. Top with soil and then some of the grass and leaves
3. If your soil and sand is a bit dry add a bit of water - worms need moisture to move around and digest food.
4. Once your layers are ready, go out into the garden and find some worms. 4 would probably be enough but have a look at how many you find in a small patch of your garden... is your jar big enough for 4, or is it bigger? What type of worms can you find?
5. Put the fabric top over the opening and secure with an elastic band... this lets the air get in
6. Wrap the card around the jar to shut out the light and place the worms somewhere that isn't too hot or cold.. think about the temperature they live in normally



Once you think the worms have done their job (broken down the food waste, leaves and grass) and mixed your layers its time to let them go back to the garden. You can tip out the jar, carefully, into your compost heap or any patch of grass... watch the worms wriggle away into the ground!

- * Check the worms every day or so - can you see any tunnels? What is happening to your layers?
- * Add a few bits of food each day and see what happens... (apparently they love watermelon!)
- * Try and take a photo from the same place each day and document the changes