

Wormery



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Earthworms are fantastic creatures, providing a vital role in recycling decaying matter and oxygenating the soil. Setting up a wormery in your classroom is a relatively simple project and is an excellent way of learning about the cycling of soil.

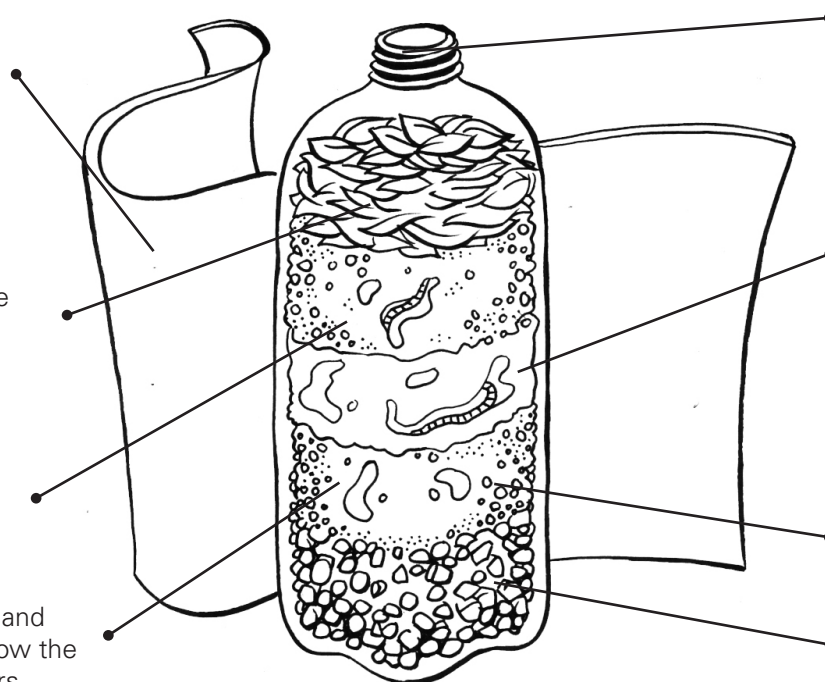
How to Make Your Own Wormery

When you are not watching your wormery, cover the outside of the bottle, with thick paper. Worms like darkness.

Layer of leaf litter. You will see how the worms move the leaves downwards.

Release your worms to where they came from after two weeks.

Layers of damp soil and sand. You will see how the worms mix the layers.



2 litre plastic drinks bottle with top cut off.

To collect earthworms from your grounds, use a watering can to mimic a rainstorm. The worms will come to the surface to avoid drowning.

Ensure the soil stays damp by sprinkling with water

Layer of gravel for drainage.

Facts

- If you take a large worm, place it on a piece of paper and listen very carefully you will hear scratching sounds. This is the worm's bristle-like chaete which worms use to move through the soil!

Contacts

- www.wigglywiggles.co.uk provides wormery composting information and bug houses.
- www.insectlore-europe.com has lots of information about insects, including items to purchase.



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