

GREEN PLANET

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TRY THIS!

MAKE YOUR OWN COMPOST

- 1 Get a compost bin. You can make or buy one with an adult's help. The bin should have good drainage. This lets extra water out. You will layer green and brown waste in it.
- 2 Start with a brown layer (dry leaves, twigs, paper, and coffee filters).
- 3 Then add a green layer (green grass clippings, leaves, vegetables, fruit, egg shells, and coffee grounds). Do not add meat, bones, or dairy foods.
- 4 Add another brown layer. Alternate the green and brown layers in the pile.
- 5 Add water. Make sure the pile is moist but not too wet.
- 6 Mix the layers regularly so air mixes in. The air will help the waste break down faster.
- 7 The bin will get hot. Your compost is cooking! Keep mixing. When it looks like dark crumbs, it is ready for your garden.



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