

How to Make a Compost Tumbler

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You will need:

- 1 black plastic rubbish bin - 60 litres is a manageable size
- 2 x 75mm occy straps
- Electric drill with a suitable bit OR a nail and a hammer
- 4 bricks or evenly sized blocks of wood

Step 1. Using the drill make holes in evenly spaced rows all around the rubbish bin, running from top to bottom. Then drill two rounds of evenly spaced holes in the bottom so that it can drain. If you don't have an electric drill, use a very large nail and hammer to puncture holes in the rubbish bin. The electric drill will make the job easy and it will be done in a few minutes, using the nail and hammer will take a little more effort and time but the result will be the same - a rubbish bin covered with evenly spaced holes for drainage and air-flow.

Step 2. Sit the bin on the bricks so it has plenty of space for draining (you can put a dish under to catch the fluid that will drip and dilute to use as fertilizer) and air circulation.

Step 3. Fill the bin with your composting materials. Put the lid on and use the occy straps to fasten (to keep possums and other curious critters, including the little two-legged ones out).

Step 4. Once a week tip the bin onto it's side and roll it up and down the yard a few times. You can push it with your hands or your feet or better yet get the kids to do it for you. But it needs to be tumbled once a week to give the contents a good mix-up.

Your compost will be ready to use in four weeks if you feed it consistently and roll it at least once a week.

