

## DIY Gardening...

# Making a wormery

A wormery is a container where worms and micro-organisms create worm compost ('vermicompost') and fertile liquid run-off. Worms mostly consume vegetable peelings, but also shredded paper and other soft waste.

## What do you need?

- 3 shallow plastic stacking trays, approx. dimensions 28cm x 40cm x 13cm deep. Dark in colour
- 1 close fitting lid to fit the trays
- Drill with 5–8mm drill bit
- Fine sandpaper
- Something sturdy to stand the trays on and protect the table
- Newspaper
- Composting worms and compost



## How to do it

1. Drill holes every 3cm (approx.) in the bottom of 2 of the trays
2. Sand around the holes with a fine sandpaper so there are no sharp edges
3. Stack up the 3 trays, the one with no holes at the bottom.
4. In the top tray, cover the bottom of the tray with about 5 double sheets of newspaper. This stops the worms leaving the tray until they get used to it.
5. Either add compost and worms from another worm bin

--OR--

If you have purchased worms, add a few scoops of damp soil, compost or shredded newspaper to the tray, then add the worms. No need to spread the worms out, they like to have somewhere to crawl underneath.

6. Fit the lid



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