

How to Make Your Own Indoor Composting Bin

Reduce your kitchen waste with this easy DIY compost bin. Indoor composting is an efficient way to give back to the planet all year round.

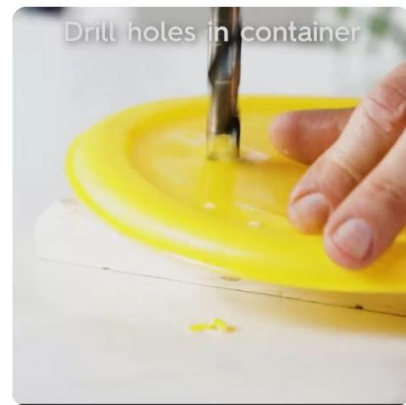
What You Need

- Container with lid
- Drill
- Nylon mesh screen
- Hot glue gun
- Dirt
- Kitchen scraps
- Shredded newspapers



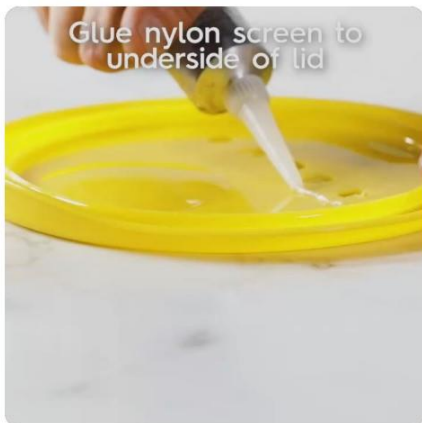
Step 1: Drill Holes in Container Lid

Drill five evenly spaced holes in the lid of the container for ventilation. Air is a necessary component to help the materials in your bin breakdown, and these holes will help regulate airflow.



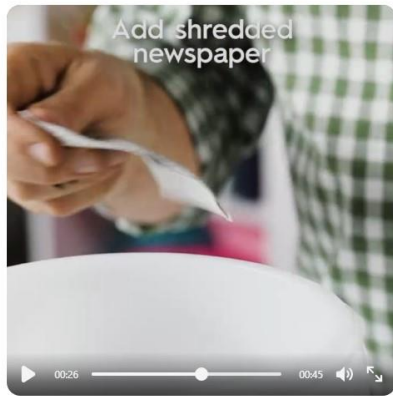
Step 2: Add Screen

Cut a piece of nylon screen big enough to cover all of the air holes. Hot glue the screen to the underside of the container lid. This will keep fruit flies and other bugs from getting in or out of the compost bin.



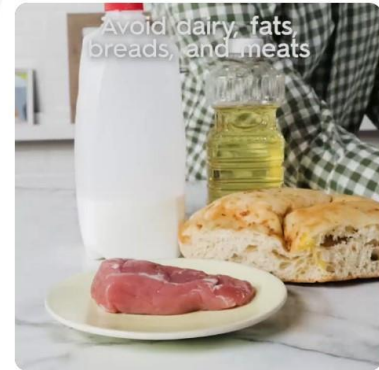
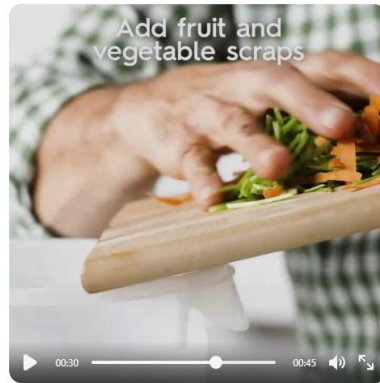
Step 3: Fill with Scraps

Knowing what to put in a compost bin, and what to avoid putting in will make your composting experience far more successful. Start with dirt on the bottom and some shredded newspaper on top. Then add kitchen scraps like banana peels, coffee grounds, and eggshells everyday as



you cook or clean out your fridge. It's best to break or cut up these scraps into small pieces to help them decompose faster.

Avoid adding fats, meats, and dairy products to your compost pile as these can produce a bad odor and attract unwanted pests or rodents.



Step 4: Stir

Stir the compost about once a week to aerate the mixture. Be sure to put the lid back on tightly to avoid attracting unwanted pests. When the compost is ready to use, you can add it to your outdoor compost pile or search for compost drop off locations near you.

