

## Make a Rot Pot

### WHAT YOU NEED

- 1 x 2 litre plastic water or soft drinks bottle
- Straw or twigs
- Scissors
- Leaves and old grass clippings
- Wooden stirring stick
- Vegetable scraps
- Saucer
- Fruit scraps
- Mesh/muslin
- Water
- Rubber band
- Seeds
- Soil

### WHAT YOU DO

1. Cut the top off your bottle
2. Poke a few holes in the bottom of your bottle and place it on the saucer. (The holes allow the excess water to drain)
3. Gather all your fruit, vegetables and leaves and tear them up so they can be squashed into your bottle.
4. Build up layers. First put in the straw and twigs, then the leaves and grass followed by the fruit and vegetable scraps and then top off with the soil.
5. Add 3 to 6 tablespoons of water to make the mixture nice and moist.
6. Cover the top of your rot pot with the muslin/mesh and secure with the elastic band.
7. Place your rot pot on a nice sunny windowsill and water it if it starts to dry out.



**After a few weeks your compost should look like dark rich soil and your lovely compost is ready.**

1. Plant the seeds in the compost in your rot pot
2. Keep the pot in a sunny spot and water regularly as per the instructions on your seed packet.

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