

Compost Activity

SANDWICH BAG EXPERIMENT

Purpose:

Making compost in a large bin usually takes 8 weeks and this makes it hard for students to understand. However, taking it down to a very small scale in a tiny bag will quicken the process.

Tools:

A snap-lock sandwich bag, a straw

Greens: Food waste (vegetable peel/fruit/leftovers) cut up into very small pieces

Browns: Egg carton and shredded paper cut up into very small pieces
water

Method:

Place the greens and browns, roughly at a 50/50 ratio into the snap-lock bag.

Add two tablespoons of water.

Zip lock the top, but put a little straw in for some air.

Each day, mush it around a little and add some water if needed.

In a few weeks you will have some gorgeous rich compost.

