

A window into the world of the worm

Make a Wormery



I'm hungry again.

You'd better keep this wormery out of my way.



You need:

- A jam jar
- Sand
- Soil
- A piece of old pantyhose
- Three rubber bands
- Worm Food (leaves, grass cuttings, potato peelings)
- A strip of thick black/brown paper

What to do:

1. Fill the jar with layers of damp sand and soil. Try not to mix the layers or get them too wet.
2. Place some worm food on top of the top layer.
3. Find no more than 3 or 4 worms and put them into the jar.
4. Worms like damp, dark places. Wrap the paper around the jar and hold it in place with 2 rubber bands.
5. Use the other rubber band to hold the pantyhose over the lid.
6. Put the jar in a dark, cool place.
7. Check your wormery every day to make sure the soil is still damp and the food is still fresh. Take away any food that is going bad.
8. After about a week you can take the paper off the jar to see what has happened. Look to see if the layers of soil have changed. Can you see any worm tunnels?

Always put the paper back on the jar after you have finished looking.

9. After a couple of weeks, return your worms to the place where you found them.