

# CREATE A COMPOST BROWNIE IN YOUR GARDEN!

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## Why you should compost:

- Reduces your carbon footprint
- Creates yummy food for your plants
- Less waste is sent to the landfill
- Improves the health of your plants and soil
- Enjoy more food from your garden
- Get to spend more time in nature!
- Create more biodiversity
- You become a worm and microbe farmer!



**Step 1** Put sticks/mulch at the bottom of your compost bin (about 3 buckets worth).

**Step 2** Add some ripped-up paper, cardboard, and/or dead leaves on top of the sticks. This is the BROWNS. It makes up the base of the compost (like flour and cocoa powder does in a delicious edible brownie).



**Step 3** Add the wet ingredients of the recipe next - food scraps, lawn clippings, or animal manure. This is the GREENS. You don't want too much in a layer or else your compost brownie will be too sloppy.

**Step 4** Coffee grounds are your compost brownie's chocolate chips (so make sure to add only in small amounts!). If you don't have any, just skip this step. Your worms will still love it!

## Tips and tricks:

- If you notice the compost brownie is too dry, add some water. It should be kept moist but not completely soaked.
- If your compost isn't cooking, give it a good turn every now and then with a garden fork or compost aerator.
- If you want your brownie to look fancy, decorate it with flower petals and leaves when you've finished making it. The worms will rate your compost brownie 10/10 for that!



**Step 5** Repeat steps 2 and 3. As you arrange the ingredients, make sure you always have BROWNS on top (step 2) to stop your brownie from smelling bad.



**Step 6** Once the bin is full, leave the batter to rest or "cook" for a few months. Once the mixture looks like brownie (look inside the pile), it is ready to serve to your plants!

Go to the KCC website to see what finished compost looks like! [www.kcc.org.nz](http://www.kcc.org.nz)