

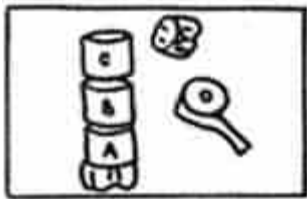
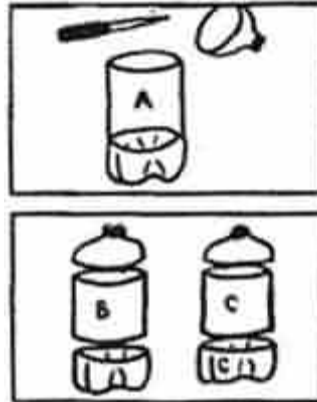
# Soda Bottle Composter

## Materials Needed:

- Three plastic 2-liter soda bottles
- Knife or sharp scissors
- Wide, clear tape
- Handful of soil from garden
- Vegetable food waste
- One dozen **red** worms (from bait shop)

Take one plastic pop bottle (A) and cut the top off several inches from the spout with a knife. *(Please note: Adults should cut the bottles beforehand).*

Take a second pop bottle (B) and cut both the bottom and top off. Take the third bottle (C) and cut both the bottom and top off, only this time, save the bottom piece for later use.



Insert B into the top of A by squeezing the end of B. Try to slide it in about one inch. Next, insert C into the top of B -- using the same method. When all the pieces are in place, wrap clear tape around the seams to ensure that foul smells cannot escape from the composter.

Next, throw a handful or two of garden soil. Do not use potting soil since there are few micro-organisms to help break down the food waste. Then add a small amount of food scrap items such as apple peels or a banana peel and the red worms and place the cap on top. If you place the composter in front of a window, the process of decomposition will speed up. In a few weeks, you will have some wonderful compost for your garden and your child will have been able to witness the cycle of decomposition.

