

MAKE YOUR OWN WORMERY

Use this jar to learn about worms and their contribution to healthy soil by observing the changes they make in the wormery.



WHAT YOU NEED:



jar or vase, pebbles, sand, soil, leaf matter, grass seed, black paper, worms, water

- 1** In a large glass jar or vase, add a layer of small stones or pebbles. This layer allows space for extra water to sit without oversaturating the soil.
- 2** Alternate layers of moist soil, sand, and leaf matter. Be sure that these layers are only damp, not oversaturated and wet. The topmost layer should be soil.
- 3** On the topmost layer, add a thin sprinkle of grass seed and cover with a dusting of damp soil.
- 4** Add 2-4 worms to the jar. Wrap the jar in black paper when the worms are not being observed. The worms are not likely to venture out to the sides of the jar if it is not wrapped in dark paper, so this is an important step to ensure that you are able to see the progress.
- 5** Check the worms every day and make sure the soil is still damp. You may also add small bits of food (vegetables or fruits, but avoid onion or citrus).
- 6** Return the worms outside after several weeks of observation.