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Instructions for:-Soil Factory

Pack contents: Soil Factory

Optional: Recycle sign

Place a layer of newspaper in the bottom, over the top of the spindles - this prevents the soil and food waste from falling through into the draw until composted. Add a layer of soil, about a spade or carrier bag full. The best soil is from someone's existing compost heap as this has the best worms and micro organisms to start the composting process.

With the children, add snack waste, vegetable peelings and even a few waste paper towels. A little orange peel can be added but it is important not to add too much high acid citrus fruit. In the autumn a *few* handfuls of leaves can be added.

The children can add worms, woodlice and other mini-beasts to the soil factory. Using the observation door watch the way the snack slowly waste breaks down into compost. Once compost is made, use the spindles to shake the compost into the draw. The spindles are worked by **PUSHING BACKWARD AND FORWARD** (*not* by turning, until the material is worked free). The compost can then be used for growing your own plants.

COMPOST ACTIVATORS

To speed up the breakdown of organic waste, leaves from the comfrey plant can be added to the soil factory in layers, with healthy snack waste. Comfrey propagates readily from root cuttings and, therefore, can be obtained locally from keen gardeners.

If you require any further advice please contact us on 0113 2556342.

