

# Worm Factory

*Put Some Worms  
To Work!!!*

**Y**ou've probably never really considered getting a pet worm. One worm isn't much fun, but a worm colony? Think about it! Come on, how cool is that? And what's more, this worm colony will reduce the amount of garbage you produce while creating nutrient-rich soil.

## Here's what you need:

1. Gravel
2. Newspaper
3. Potting soil
4. A small plastic trash pail with a lid. (Get an adult to help you drill two rows of air holes in it; one row around an inch from the bottom and the other near the top. The holes should be smaller than your pinky but big enough to see through.)
5. 10-20 tiger or red wigglers (you can buy these at a bait shop)



Garbage: You know like your lunch leftovers - banana peels, vegetable parings, tea bags and green are best. (Don't use citrus fruit).

## What to do:

On the bottom of the pail, make a layer a few inches deep of gravel. On top of the gravel, put a layer of wet newspaper, and on top of that, three or four inches of potting soil. Time to add the worms! And then sprinkle the worms with the garbage and cover the whole deal with a layer of newspaper. It will take a few days or even weeks for the worms to really get busy, but when they have made a dent in the first batch of garbage, you can add more. You might want to consider make a small hole to drain off the "worm tea" fertilizer, which is great when used on indoor plants.

