

LOOKING AFTER YOUR MINI-WORMERY

- ❖ Pour 60ml (approx ¼ cup) of water into your wormery.
This is the only time you will need to add water.
- ❖ Make a blanket for your worms. Get a sheet of newspaper and keep folding it until it is small enough to fit in the top of the wormery. Soak the wad of paper until it is wet through and then place into the top of the wormery.
Every day remove the blanket and wet it thoroughly.
- ❖ Make a sleeve for your wormery.
This can be made from paper or card, (the darker the better).
Make a cylinder to fit over the bottle, if it is made slightly bigger than the diameter for the bottle, it will slip on and off easier.

The purpose of this sleeve is to keep the wormery dark. The worms prefer the dark and will work right out to the sides of the bottle. When the sleeve is lifted off for observation you might be able to see some of the worms and the tunnels they've made.

- ❖ Put your worms in a cool place that's not too bright (Do not place on a windowsill).
- ❖ Check your wormery each day and observe how much of the organic matter (compost, paper and green waste) is being consumed by the worms.
- ❖ After about 2 weeks your worms should have eaten most, if not all, of the food, and what will be left will be their poo, this is called Castings. Castings are used as a plant fertilizer, it is not harmful and it does not smell.

Your worms will be ready to move to a bigger home now. You could put them all together with your classmates' worms and make a bigger worm farm to keep in the classroom. Or you could put them in a healthy part of the garden. Or take them home to show mum and dad and make your own worm farm at home.

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