

# Stealth Composting

A great way to discreetly compost—indoors, outdoors, anywhere!



## What You Need

- a large plastic container with a lid
- a smaller plastic container that is small enough to fit inside the larger container
- a tool to punch holes in the containers
- woodchips
- sawdust
- food scraps excluding meat, dairy, fats, and oils

## Assembly

1. Punch about 15-20 half-inch holes in the bottom of the smaller container
2. Place a layer of woodchips in the bottom of the large container
3. Place the smaller container inside the larger container
4. Place a layer of woodchips in the bottom of the smaller container, followed by a layer of sawdust, then a layer of food scraps, then another layer of sawdust
5. Punch holes in the lid of the larger container and place it on the container. Alternatively, you can leave the lid ajar instead of punching holes in it.



## Use of Your Stealth Composter

- Continue layering materials according to step 4 until the smaller container is full.
- As the materials begin to break down, they will warm up. If materials dry out, add some water; they need a moist environment to break down.
- If materials develop an unpleasant odor (an earthy smell is good), they are not getting enough fresh air. Make sure air is getting into the larger container. From there, it will flow into the smaller container and through the layers of material.
- If conditions are right, the materials will finish composting after two to three months. The volume of material will decrease by one-third to one-half.
- Remove the finished compost from the container. You can reuse the woodchips. Place the finished compost in a location exposed to the air. Keep the compost slightly moist. These conditions will allow the finished compost to cure, or stabilize, for several weeks. Uncured compost is still active and can damage plants.
- You're done! Your compost is now ready to be used as a fertilizer.