

1) Start off by layering a few different ingredients consisting of a mixture of kitchen organic waste, garden refuse, ash, wood shavings and/or newspaper with some soil. All ingredients should be cut into small pieces (the smaller, the quicker they'll turn into compost). Add water from a spray bottle or watering can so that the mixture is damp throughout, not overly wet. Secure the lid and leave it to work its magic.

2) Once or twice a week, aerate the mixture using an aerating tool or by turning it with a pitchfork. You can add any of the ingredients mentioned above whenever you like.

3) After 2 to 4 months, your compost should be ready to use. Strain it with a wire frame to separate all the earthy-scented, crumbly, dark brown matter from the undeveloped bits that need more time in the composter. Add your compost to pot plants and flowerbeds at will.

SOME TIPS

Try to add an even amount of wet and dry ingredients to your mixture in layers roughly 10cm deep. Avoid creating a mixture that's more than 50% wet materials. The wet ingredients produce nitrogen and heat, speeding up the composting process, while the dry ingredients produce carbon, cooling down the mixture.

To safely speed up the composting process, add soil, bone-meal or compost-starter.

You will know if your compost is properly mixed and aerated by feeling it with your hand. It should be slightly damp and warm throughout (between 45 and 70°C).

If your mixture is only lukewarm in the middle, it needs to heat up more, so add more of the recommended ingredients and aerate.

If your mixture is cold, add water or wet ingredients and aerate.

If your mixture is too wet, add dry ingredients and aerate.

If your mixture smells bad, aerate.

SAFETY INFORMATION

Always wash your hands thoroughly after handling compost or its ingredients. Do not sit or stand on the composter or misuse it in any way.



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YOUR NEW 150L COMPOSTER

Get ready to recycle kitchen and garden waste for a green lifestyle and an even greener garden.



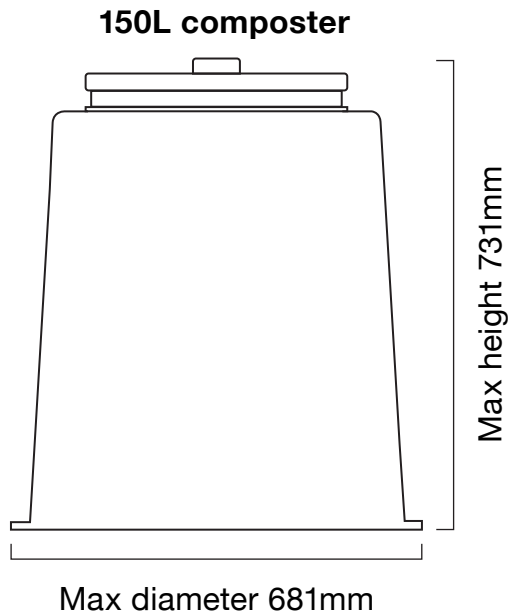
WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS COMPOSTER

It's neat and tidy.

It's sturdy and durable.

It has two convenient openings, a lidded entrance on top for regular use and a door on ground level for easy compost removal.

It's secure against animals.



SETTING UP

1. Find a sunny piece of open soil for your composter that's out of the way but close to where you want to use your compost.
2. Secure it to the ground by digging a shallow hole (roughly 10cm deep). Create a level surface by compressing the earth firmly.
3. Place the composter in the hole and compress dirt over the bottom lip.
4. Close the lid by misaligning the arrows on it (to open it, align the arrows). Keep the lid firmly closed when not in use.
5. (Optional) Put pest repellent in the holder under the lid. To open the holder, gently squeeze the tabs on either side.
6. Install the lower door by inserting it into the grooves provided (to open, simply slide the door upwards). Keep the door closed when not in use.

Now for the fun part...

MAKE YOUR OWN COMPOST

Produce rich compost that's safe for you, your pets and your plants by adding only the correct ingredients:

ADD:	AVOID:
Garden refuse like grass, leaves and dead plants	Diseased plants
Kitchen organic waste like peels, fruit, vegetables, tea bags, egg shells and coffee grounds	Meat, bones, fatty foods, oil and dairy products
Wood ash and shavings	Poop

The smaller the size of organic waste pieces, the faster the composting process.