

DRUM BIN

A plastic or metal drum may be used as a composter. It requires very little space in your backyard, and is inexpensive and easy to set up.

MATERIALS

Metal or plastic drum (food grade)
Aeration stack (use drainage pipe or wire mesh)

PROCEDURE

Remove the top and bottom of the drum. Puncture holes around it and/or place an aeration stack in the center of the drum. You may raise the drum off the ground for additional ventilation.

CEMENT BLOCK BIN

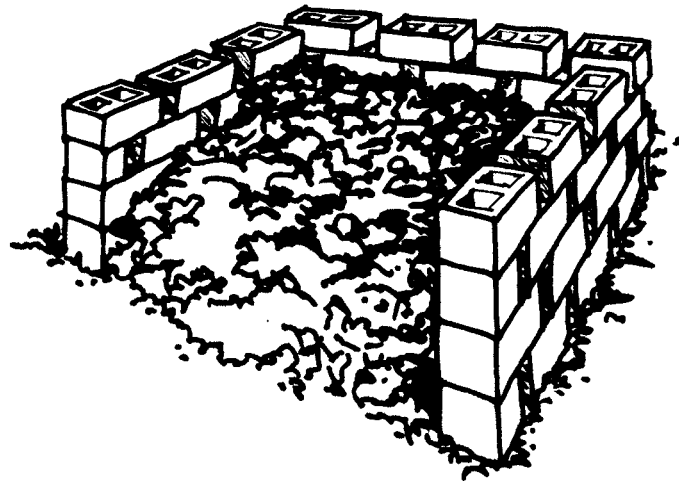
Cement blocks or bricks may be used to build a composter. It is easy to set up, and can be constructed with two sections to facilitate turning the pile.

MATERIALS

48 cement blocks

PROCEDURE

Lay the blocks with the holes sideways, or place them with the holes vertical and leave spaces between them for aeration.



SNOW FENCE BIN

Wood or plastic snow fencing (or chicken wire) can be used to make a composter that is inexpensive and very easy to set up. If you wish to turn the pile, remove the fence, set it up beside the first pile, and turn the compost into the newly set-up bin.

MATERIALS

Wood or plastic snow fencing (the optimum size is three feet in diameter, but this can vary according to your needs)

Metal wire

PROCEDURE

Make a circle with the fencing and tie it with metal wire.

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