









Ten Steps to make a Bath Tub WORM FARM

The "secret" to a successful Worm Farm is good ventilation and drainage. The guidelines below are general instructions and need to be read in context with your circumstances. This Worm Farm uses recycled materials and minimum use of any new materials. No warranties or guarantees come with these guidelines and you accept all responsibility for any positive or negative outcomes arising from use of these guidelines.

It is assumed that the person using these guidelines has some basic skills of use of hand & power tools. By reading any further you are accepting this responsibility and liability for any event that may arise from use of these guidelines.

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S T E P 1		<p>Cut slots with an Angle Grinder into the side of the bath tub about 100mm up from the base to provide good ventilation. Cut 4 slots, each about 200mm long, on each side and 1 slot on both ends. See slots in following images 2 & 3 & 4.</p> <p><i>Please note the essential use of Ear & Eye protection when doing this.</i></p> <p>The alternative to this is making 8 bath height tubes of 25mm poly-pipe with 10mm holes drilled in about every 50mm. Place 3 tubes sitting vertically on each long side of the tub and 1 tube on both ends. Secure with duct tape to keep in place until the shade cloth is placed.</p>
S T E P 2		<p>Lay the Bath Tub on supports (Bessa Blocks and standard house bricks are good) to elevate it up off the ground with enough clearance to place a plastic container, like a 2 litre ice cream tub, under the bath tub drain hole to collect the "worm wee". Make sure the bath tub is levelled so water will drain toward the drain hole. <i>If the top is levelled with a spirit level water will drain due to the inbuilt slope in the base.</i></p>
S T E P 3		<p>Place a small piece of Shade Cloth over the drain hole and secure it with a few handfuls of aggregate (blue metal). <i>This will stop the drain hole from becoming clogged.</i></p>
S T E P 4		<p>Place about 50mm depth of 20mm aggregate (blue metal) in the bathtub to provide even drainage & aeration to whole base of the worm farm.</p> <p><i>Be careful not to dislodge the Shade Cloth over the drain</i></p>

<p>S T E P 5</p>		<p>Cut & place a piece of Shade Cloth over the aggregate (blue metal) so that it overlaps up the sides about 100mm.</p>
<p>S T E P 6</p>		<p>Put a 50mm layer of starter bedding on top of the shade cloth and try to keep the Shade Cloth overlap as close to the sides as possible. The "starter bedding" can be wood shavings (NOT saw dust), Peat Moss, Coco Peat, Pine Bark chips, chaff, or dried grass clippings.</p>
<p>S T E P 7</p>		<p>Install at least 2000 worms (1/2 a kilo) at one end of the Bath Tub. It is best to get worm in their own bedding as this will give them a good start. Place fresh food waste to the side of the worms and some on top. Do not feed too much or the food will putrefy and smell. Read the FAQ Brochure on How to Care for your Worms for more on this. There will always be some mild odours that should be kept in check with the cover in Step 8</p>
<p>S T E P 8</p>		<p>Cover the Bath Tub with a piece of cloth, carpet or other material that will let water through and keep light and birds out.</p>
<p>STEP 9</p>		<p>Place a plastic container, like a 2 litre ice cream tub, under the Bath Tub drain hole to collect the "worm wee". Read the Liquid Cast Brochure for use of Worm Wee.</p>
<p>STEP 10</p>		<p>Read the FAQ Brochure on How to Care for your Worms</p>

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