

# COMPOST BINS

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**Synopsis:** Renee and Ditty learn to make compost.

**Concepts:** how to compost, the importance of compost

**Cast:** Renee: bright, helpful  
Ditty: outspoken  
Staff

**Props:** Compost Bin

**Renee:** Wow! The grass is really growing this week!

**Ditty:** Guess we will have to mow again before it gets too hot.

**Renee:** Then we can collect clippings and make some compost.

**Ditty:** Make compost? How do we do that?

**Renee:** First, we need a place to compost. Let's use a part of the yard that is out of the way.

**Ditty:** Maybe in the corner by the garden?

**Renee:** Great spot! Now what kind of composting do we want to do?

**Ditty:** Uh? The best kind? What are our choices?

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Renee: We have several choices. Maybe (Staff person's name inserted here) can help us explore them? Hey, (staff person's name)!

Ditty needs to know about ways to compost.

Staff: Sure – the easiest way is to just pile your leaves and clippings in one spot and turn them every week or two.

Ditty: That sounds easy enough.

Staff: Or we could buy a bin like this one and put our material into it. We will still need to turn it frequently.

Ditty: But I don't have a lot of money for buying stuff!

Staff: You can build your own compost bin by placing concrete blocks in a semi-circle or by tying three or four old pallets into a square corral. Or we can wrap chicken wire or old fencing around three or four fence posts. But whichever design we use we want to remember that turning the material is important to the success of our composting.

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Ditty: Cool!!!! I like digging in the stuff! I pretend I am building roads and rivers.

Renee: Great! Because mixing the material makes it break down or compost quicker.

Staff: And the quicker it decomposes the faster we get a composted product.

Ditty: Why is a composted product important?

Renee: The composted product is almost like fertilizer. We can use it with potting soil or in our garden to make the plants grow better.

Ditty: But what if we don't need it on our garden?

Renee: Then we can just spread it on the ground to make the grass grow better.

Ditty: So what was grass last week can become grass again in 4 months?

Staff: Exactly!

All: Let's get composting!!