

# Create Your Own No-Fuss **COMPOST BIN**

3 EASY STEPS TO MAKE  
**"GARDENERS' GOLD"**



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## **STEP 1: SELECT YOUR SITE**

### **Site Requirements**

- ✓ Open and level
- ✓ On top of soil (not concrete or asphalt)
- ✓ A footprint of at least 4 x 8 feet
- ✓ At least 6 feet from buildings or trees

### **Additional Factors to Consider**

1. What are your local regulations? Any neighbor issues to consider?
2. How much shade is ideal for your climate?
3. What is your water source?
4. Where will you use your finished compost?
5. Where is the **most convenient** place for you?

**I'm going to put my compost bin**\_\_\_\_\_

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(Remember, pick the most convenient place you can. Make it *easy* to use your compost bin!)

## STEP 2: BUILD YOUR BIN

### Bin Requirements:

- ✓ 3-5 feet in height, length and depth
- ✓ Allows air to circulate

### Quick Tip

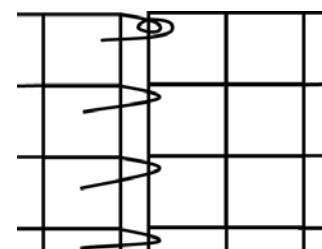
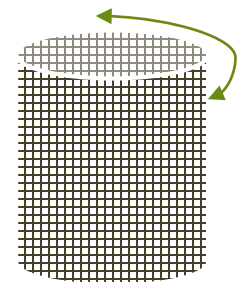
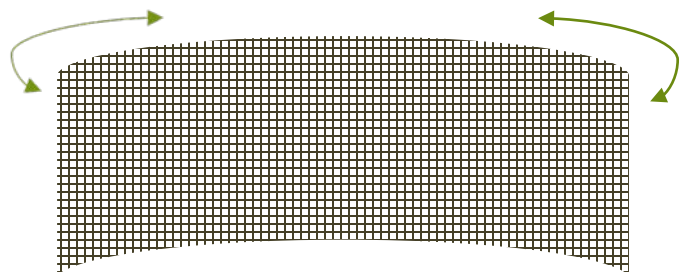
If you have a new roll of fencing, lay it out on the ground to flatten it before you start.

### Materials:

- Wire fencing – Welded/woven fencing at least 36" high x 11' long. Select a grid that is 3" x 3" or smaller.
- Wire snips
- Optional: Poles and wire

### Instructions:

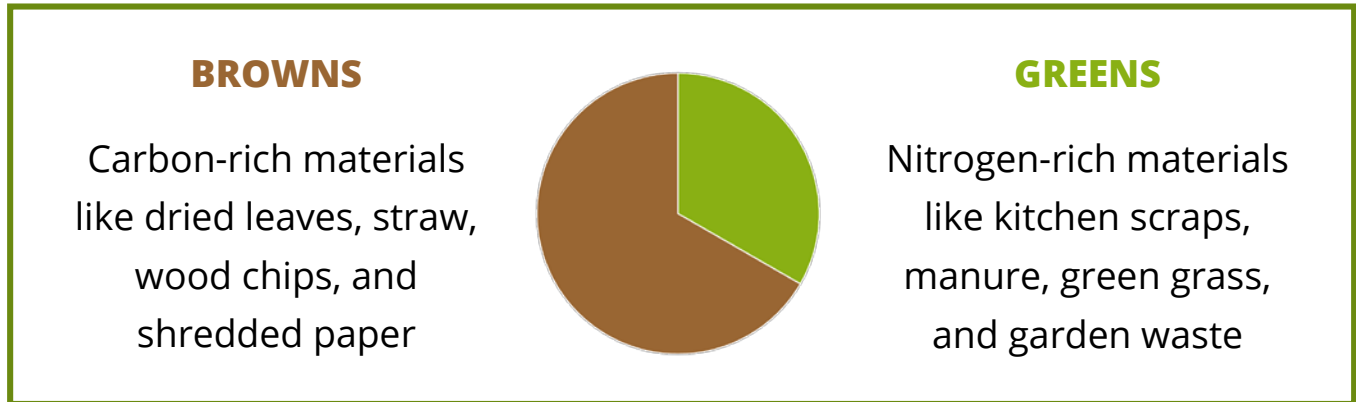
1. Using wire snips, clip off a vertical wire from one end of the fencing, leaving 1-2 inches of each horizontal wire poking out.
2. Shape fencing into a cylinder.
3. Bend the horizontal wires extending from one end and hook them around the vertical wire on the other end. Wrap the top wire completely around to secure the ends together. Repeat in the center and at the bottom.
4. Place the seam where it will be easy to access for opening the bin.
5. *Optional:* Drive 1-2 poles into the ground and secure your bin to the pole(s) with wire.



## STEP 3: FILL YOUR BIN

### The Ratio:

Aim to use 2 parts “brown” to 1 part “green” by volume.



### Instructions:

1. Clear your site and loosen the soil, if needed.
2. Add 4-6 inches of coarse material for drainage and airflow.
3. Add 3-4 inches of brown materials.
4. Water until evenly moist. (Think wrung-out sponge.)
5. Add 1-2 inches of green materials.
6. *Optional:* Add a thin layer of soil.
7. **Repeat!** Browns...greens...soil.
8. Water each layer as needed.
9. End with 4-6 inches of brown materials.

### For As-You-Go Composting:

- ✓ Add kitchen scraps by digging down into the pile about 6 inches. Drop them in, spread them out and cover with brown material.
- ✓ Store new brown material nearby for topping off as you add green material.