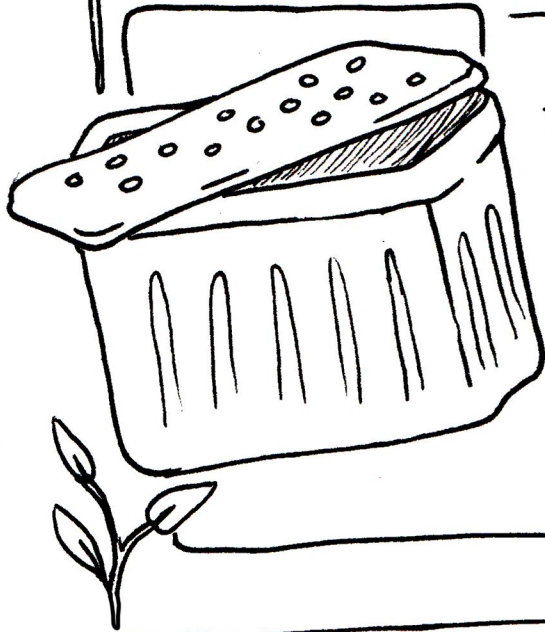


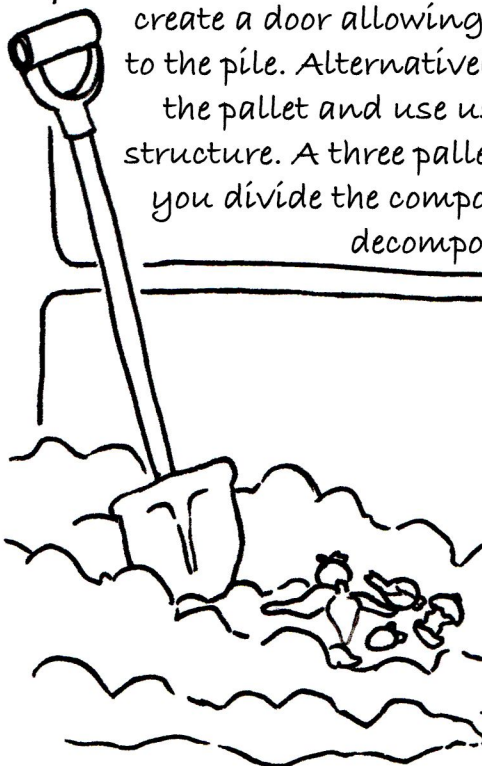
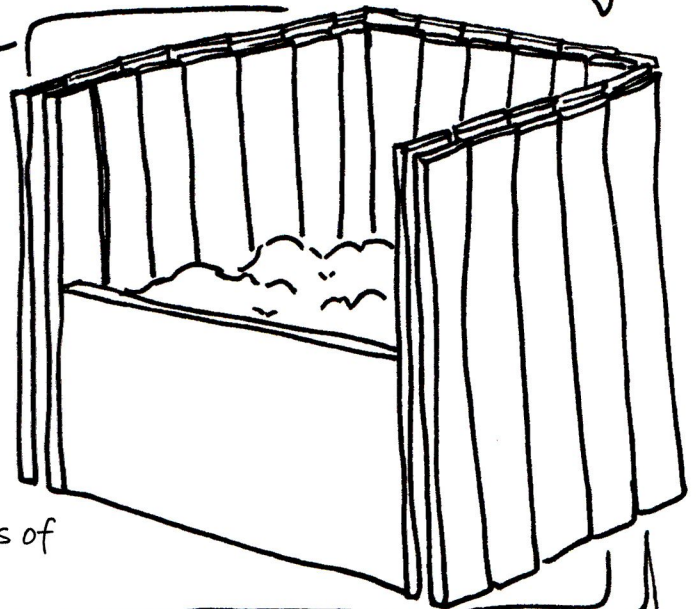
Composting at Home

DIY Compost Bins



Plastic Bin Method: find a 24" or taller plastic bin with a lid. Drill 8 - 10 small holes in the lid to allow for aeration. Place a layer leaves or paper in the bottom, filling it $\frac{1}{6}$ of the way full. Add a layer of dirt until the container is $\frac{1}{2}$ full. Now it is ready to use for food scraps! Maintain by slightly stirring and moistening the mixture.

Wooden Pallet Box: find four, same sized wooden pallets that have been heat treated. Assemble the pallets into a box with corner brackets and screws. You can attach hinges to the front pallet to create a door allowing for easy access to the pile. Alternatively, you can cut the pallet and use use a half wall structure. A three pallet box set up lets you divide the compost into its stages of decomposition.



Trench Method: a simple and easy way to compost. Dig a 12" deep trench or hole where you plan on planting and place your food scraps in. Bury and allow time for decomposition. You can plan a rotation of trenches in your garden beds or plan them between rows of planting.