

## Students will:

- ✓ Understand and know how to build a worm farm
- ✓ Understand how a worm farm and operate efficiently.

**LET'S MAKE A WORM FARM**



# Make Your Own Guide to Worm Farming

## Skills

Students will:

- Plan and create.

## Values and Attitudes

Students will:

- Become worm experts
- Benefit from having their own worm farm
- Spread the word about worms.

## Materials Needed

- Paper
- Crayons, markers, or coloured pencils
- Used cereal boxes for cover
- String or ribbon.

## Management Skills

This activity is a good follow-up to the 'Create Your Own Worm Farm' activity and will reinforce previous lessons with a fun exercise. It will empower your students to become teachers in their own right!

Before commencing, ensure students have a basic understanding of worm composting. The guide can be created as a class, by individuals or in groups and presented to other students in the school.

## Activity

During this activity, students will:

- Review a list of important facts about worm composting and the importance of worms in nature.
- Come up with 12 important statements about why and how to set up a worm farm; eg. "Worms help eat my garbage" or "Worms need air, water, and food to live".
- Write each of the statements on individual sheets of paper then create an illustration to accompany it.
- Once your guide is finished, use cardboard and string or a piece of paper to make a cover.

## Extension Activities

- Elect monitors to find students who are **'Friends of the Environment'** and present them with awards at assembly.
- Tally and record the number of earthworms brought to your school by students.
- Link up with other schools to discover how they use their worms.
- Visit a City Farm / Council operated composting and recycling centre and go on the Worm Walk.
- Make a list of other animals that are hermaphrodites.
- Find out more about soil and soil conservation
- Discover worms' natural predators.
- Have a worm race.
- Construct a Worm and Ladder game.
- Arrange an excursion to a **Worm Farm** (see list of worm growers in the **Tumbleweed Can-O-Worms** instruction manual).
- Complete the Activities on the **Tumbleweed Kids Study** page i.e. colouring in, find a word, worm search. . .

