How to Build Your Own In House Compost Station

Step 1 | Prepare Your Bin

To prepare your compost bin for indoor use simply drill a few holes in the bin itself near the top. Holes can be anywhere between ½" to 1" (Or whatever size drill bit you have) Then you will cover the holes with mesh screen to prevent the worms from exiting your bin. I do this using gorilla tape around all 4 sides. That's it! It is truly that simple.

Step 2 | Build Your Bedding

In your bin you will want to fill it half way with shredded paper that has been moistened to the feel of a damp sponge. Paper can be from a paper shredder or simply rip up some newspaper. Just be sure there is no plastic in it.

Next add a few scoops of soil from your yard. Be mindful that it is from an area that has not been treated with chemicals as this will kill your worms.

Moisten your bedding materials so that it is damp, but not soggy. The worms need the moisture to breathe, but you do not want to drown them or cause excess water pooling in your bin. If it is too dry, add a bit of water. If it is too damp, add some bedding.

Step 3 | Install Your Worms

It is now time to add your worms! There is no science behind this, just get your little composters in the bin.

Step 4 | Feed Your Worms

In this style of worm composting bin I suggest feeding on one side of the bin by tipping your worm bin onto one short side tapping enough of the bedding aside that you can see the bottom. Add your food to this area and then flatten

your bin back down covering the food up with bedding. Alternate sides when you feed to disperse worm castings throughout the bin. Fun fact, worms create castings on the opposite side of the bin as they eat at!
Feed the worms when they run low on what is in their bin. Cover the worm bedding with damp newspaper to help keep them from drying out. Keep your bin out of direct sunlight.

(Photo -> Finished Worm Castings)

Compost Bin Supply List

- Black Bin – Size appropriate for your space.
- Cordless Drill
- Thick Drill Bit (1/2" or similar size)
- Mesh Screen
- Gorilla Tape
- Shredded Paper
- Soil
- Newspaper
- Water
- Worms