

Decorate A Compost Bin

What you'll need:

- 3-5 gallon plastic storage bin with lid
- Craft paint in bright colors
- Foam alphabet stamps (letters C, O, M, P, S, T)
- Foam leaf stamps
- Clear acrylic sealer spray
- Heavy-duty knife or power drill

How to make it:

1. Have an adult cut the following holes into the storage bin: A series of holes, about a centimeter wide and three centimeters apart, along both edges of the bin. On the bottom of the bin, cut a hole one centimeter wide and three centimeters long in two opposite corners. The compost bin will need ventilation in order to let air and moisture circulate.
2. Place plastic bin on its side and use the craft paint to create designs. Use bright colors to create simple flowers, stems, leaves and grass.
3. Use your pointer finger to dot on insects with bright colors, using the end of a paint brush, dot white on either side of the finger print to make their wings.
4. To decorate the lid, paint each foam stamp with a good amount of paint, and press carefully but firmly onto the lid surface. Continue with each letter until you have spelled out "COMPOST".
5. Paint leaf stamps with green paint and decorate the lid around the word "compost".
6. Allow all the paint to dry.
7. In a well-ventilated area (preferably outdoors) spray all painted surfaces with acrylic sealer spray. Let dry. Repeat this process for a total of three times. This will help protect your painted surface from the outside elements.
8. Make your starter compost (instructions below) and place outside. If you are placing the bin on the porch or patio, you may want to use an extra lid cover as a drip pan.

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