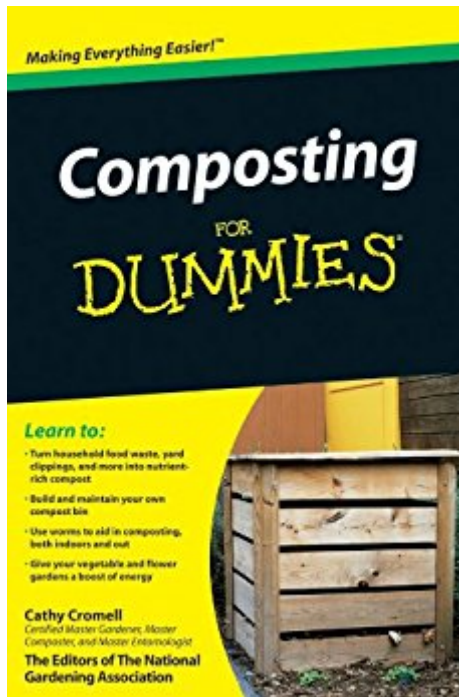


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# Composting For Dummies



## Synopsis

Back-to-basics gardening that will benefit the earth and your wallet! Want to use ordinary waste to create an extraordinary garden? Composting lets you turn household food waste, yard clippings, and more into free compost and mulch that's chock-full of nutrients. From building and working with traditional compost bins to starting an indoor worm-composting operation, *Composting For Dummies* makes these often intimidating projects easy, fun, and accessible for anyone!

Digging into compost basics â" get a handle on the benefits of composting and the tools you'll need to get started

Choosing the best method and location â" find the best composting method and location that's right for you, whether it's above ground, in a hole, in a container or bin, or even right in your kitchen

Building your pile â" learn which ingredients can go into your compost pile, what stays out, and how to mix it all up in the right proportions

Stepping beyond traditional composting â" get the lowdown on vermicomposting (letting worms eat your garbage), growing green manures to compost later, and sheet composting in the same spot you plan to plant

Open the book and find:

- A step-by-step guide to composting
- The right gear and tools for the job
- Tips on constructing your own composting containers and bins
- Materials you can safely compost (and those to avoid)
- Cover crops to improve your soil now and compost later
- Recommendations for using your finished compost
- What worms contribute to your compost
- Troubleshooting advice if your compost pile isn't cooperating

Learn to:

- Turn household food waste, yard clippings, and more into nutrient-rich compost
- Build and maintain your own compost bin
- Use worms to aid in composting, both indoors and out
- Give your vegetable and flower gardens a boost of energy

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## Customer Reviews

I really enjoyed this book. I attended a beginner's composting workshop that got me interested in the subject and found this book at my local library. The book fills in a lot of gaps that were left out during the workshop. It gives in detail approaches to many different kinds of composting and teaches you to make your own bins, containers, ect, as well as gives an overview of the different bacteria's and little animals that will be in a compost heap and how they work to compost it. It tells about hot composting and long-term composting as well as what to put in and keep out of the piles for ideal (aka fast) results. It's got a chapter dedicated solely to worm bins (which I decided to make after reading the book) and also includes a trouble-shooting section -which I used when my worms tried to go a-wal. I put them in the garage and it was too cold outside so they were trying to climb out of the bin. I took out the book and looked up the problem and came to the conclusion that it was the temperature. Now they are happy worms that stay in their bin. :) This is a great book for anyone wanting to learn the science behind the different methods of composting and I would recommend it to anyone who wants to compost successfully.

If you're looking for a pretty picture book, pass on this one. But if you want an indepth guide to starting your composting lifestyle, this is for you. The book gives lots of options for every aspect of composting. From what to compost, to setting it up, various bins, types of growth in the compost, etc. After a little research i found theres alot more products that can be composted that arent listed, but everything thats fundamental is listed. so,. Enjoy

I am not a gardener but my wife goes a little nuts with her plants, trees, vegetables, flowers and more and, we have a lot of leaves to take care of and, we re-cycle fairly vigorously so... I bought this book as a starter since it will be I who will build the bins. I have come to rely on the "For Dummies" series as they are a great way to get started with a lot of things and this one is no exception. All you need to know and all you didn't even know you needed to know is in this book. If you're new to

composting, this is the book for you. Recommended.

This book was a great and easy read. It was very helpful and hit on all the basics of composting and how to get started. Would definitely recommend this book to a beginner composter.

I am not a huge fan of the "Dummies" books, but this one is excellent. It provides lots of information about composting and clearly shows where you can just get the basics and skip all the background. For those who want to know more than the basics, more in-depth material is very clear. The author is an experienced gardener and composter who understands the different needs for successful composting in climates varying from the upper midwest to the arid deserts of Arizona. Highly recommended for those looking to get started composting kitchen scraps and lawn and garden cuttings.

This book has lots of info but it's easy to find just what you want without wading through tons of material. It breaks down the process of adding materials very specifically, tells you what and what not to use, and tells you how to maintain the pile once you have it going.

Okay, maybe most folks would think it strange to get excited about composting but I'm not like most people. I like composting and worms and garden critters. I've been gardening for about 20 years but I'm no expert and most of what I learned, I learned through trial and error. Then I discovered the "Dummies" series. No matter what the subject, the "Dummies" books can make it fun. I now have quite a few of their gardening books and I highly recommend all of them. Anyway, I've been telling my husband that I wanted to start organic gardening for a couple of years and now that we are engaged in a whole house/yard makeover it seems like this is the perfect time to make the switch. Since our soil has a lot of clay in it, compost, lots and lots of compost, is necessary. This book tells you all about composting styles, composters (ready-made and DIY), what can and can not be composted, what to expect, and how to fix problems that might arise. Composting is good, not only for the garden, but for the environment as well (no need to haul garden waste and food scraps away when you can make the compost where you need it). So, get this book and learn how to rot like a pro.

In a review, the reader tries to create a sense of the book; the task is to boil down the essence of the work and to summarize and give opinion about the quality of the object in a very subjective

manner. I am making a project of finding that essence in the most constrained manner possible. Here, I present you with a haiku review. I hope you like the review and take under consideration a purchase of the work. Thanks to this book I have a thriving pile of compost right out back.

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