Gems are Ruby distribution packages for 3rd party software. They can be installed by opening a command-line window, navigating to the folder where the gem file resides, and running the gem install command. Multiple gems can be installed with a single gem install command. On Windows systems the commands to install the Data Farming gem are:

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gem install colorize-0.8.1.gem fwt-1.2.0.gem gem install datafarming-1.3.0.gem
```

On OS X, Unix, or Linux the command is:

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sudo gem install colorize-0.8.1.gem fwt-1.2.0.gem sudo gem install datafarming-1.3.0.gem
```

which will prompt you to authenticate with administrative privileges.

The datafarming gem contains a variety of tools, many of which are described in the Data Farming 101 tutorial. All of these scripts use the colorize gem to format and highlight usage information when invoked with a -h or --help option. The fwt gem is required for generating Resolution V Fractional Factorial designs with scaled_rf_cubed.rb. The simplekit and quickstats gems are required if you wish to run the Ao_Model.rb demo.