

Make a worm picker

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ABSTRACT

Make a worm picker. Platinum is used because it cools down very quickly after sterilisation under a flame.

MATERIALS

NAME ~	CATALOG #	VENDOR ~
10287 Platinum wire 0.2032mm (0.008in) dia For ISA Type R or S Standard Grade Thermocouple	10287.G1	Alfa Aesar
Holders for inoculating wire or needles up to Ø 056 mm	459-0049	VWR International

- 1 Unscrew the loop holder.
- 2 Cut 8 cm of platinum wire
- 3 Stick the platinum wire into the loop holder and screw the loop holder.
- 4 With your nails, flatten the end of the platinum wire. This is so as to make it into a bit of a spoon to collect the worms.
- 5 Your worm picker is ready! Sterilise under the flame before picking worms.

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