

- Observe for about two weeks until the materials are decomposed. Plant seeds or seedlings immediately 2-3 inches outside the baskets. Water the center of the basket instead of watering the plants.
- Keep on putting new and undecomposed materials.
- After harvesting the crops, remove the content of the basket and spread evenly on the plot.



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BASKET COMPOSTING

WHAT IS BASKET COMPOSTING?

Basket composting is a process by which your home garbage, garden and farm waste, animal manure and leguminous plants like ipil-ipil leaves are allowed to rot in baskets which are half buried in garden plots.



ADVANTAGES OF BASKET COMPOSTING

The plant nutrients that can be derived from the rotting materials in the basket is a potential source of rich organic fertilizer for home food production at a minimal cost.

Basket composting will help you:

- reduce cost of production by making cheap fertilizer for various crops especially vegetables;

- utilize indigenous materials found in the backyard such as garbage, kitchen refuse, animal droppings, ipil-ipil leaves and others for compost making;
- produce quality vegetables;
- help maintain cleanliness in the surroundings.

WHAT ARE THE MATERIALS NEEDED?

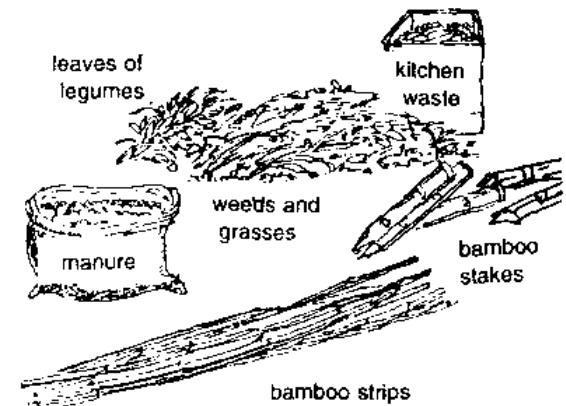
1. basket at least 1 foot in diameter
2. bamboo strips 1 foot in height
3. home organic garbage, weeds and grasses, ipil-ipil leaves, animal manure.



(sample of basket)

HOW TO PREPARE

- Clean the prepare garden plots. Save weeds and grasses for compost material.
- Make holes large enough to accommodate the size of baskets. It should be one meter apart.
- Half bury the basket in the holes.



- Place the organic garbage and manure into the basket. Those materials like ipil-ipil leaves, grasses and weeds should be placed last.

