

Alison's wormery

Good morning. My name is Allison from Ansa Environmental Services. Today I'm quite excited because I've just taken delivery of my new wormer. This is my first attempt to compost at home, in an attempt to go more carbon neutral. So it's taken eight weeks to arrive, hence the excitement. I didn't know that wormeries were quite so much in demand. On first sight it looks relatively easy to put together. So I'm hoping to demonstrate that. Right so we've got a base here, with legs. We've got four plastic trays, for the different stages of composting and it looks like two lids but actually one is the lid and one, I presume, is the base because it's got a hole for the tap. Got some lime mix bedding for my worms, which are currently hiding and a moisture mat and a tap the best bit, there's only four screws. So that looks hopeful. So here we go. Let's have a go at putting this together.

Okay, so this is where I do Blue Peter on you and say here's one I did earlier. This is just a little bit fiddly, it's easy but fiddly and I had trays flying everywhere and I had a bit of a Fawlty Towers moment with it. So I did it off camera in the end. But basically you need to put onto the stand the tray that has a hole in the side, which is where the tap is going to go and just by lining up the holes of the two trays that you need to put your screws through and tighten underneath with the wing nuts. There you have your holding tray and next you need to get what looks like a roof, but with a hole in, upside down. Sit it into the holding tray so that the holes line up for when you install your tap.

I feel like Monty Don now because I had to go and get the dog because she thinks she's missing out and wasn't very happy.

Okay, so next you get your tap and it comes with two washers and a white nut and I've managed to drop it. One washer goes on the end of the tap like so, the other washer goes on the inside. And then you just tighten it with the nut until it feels fairly secure. Okay, next you need to get your first tray, pop it in and then line the bottom of the tray with a single sheet of newspaper like so.

So the next job is the bedding goes on and you just spread that evenly over the newspaper and then spray it with water just to moisten. Then the exciting moment, the worms are getting a new home.

There we have it.

So just to show you, these are the worms that have just gone into their new home.

The last stage in getting your wormery up and running, is to just put a couple of handfuls of food waste in to get the worms started and then on goes the lid, if I can figure out which way it goes. And that's it, ready to go!