

# Daisy's Basic Guide to Apartment Composting!

*Not the ideal way to compost but definitely doable!*



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## Setting Up! Getting a Compost Bin

- 1.1 I used a custom-made wooden box filled with soil.
- 1.2 However, a metal, ceramic or stone container may be better (as wood can rot).
- 1.3 My wooden box (made from tropical mix hard wood) was 2ft x 2ft x 1ft and cost RM 120 (+ GST)
- 1.4 Don't forget to ask for handles – box is heavy!
- 1.5 My vendor's contact details:
  - Mr. Soo from SC Wooden Manufacturing in Klang
  - Tel: 012-6286-807; 03-5162-4633
  - [soo@scwooden.com](mailto:soo@scwooden.com)



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## Composting How to get it going

- 2.1 I buried my organic waste – veggies, fruit, seeds, nuts, and eggs - in the soil and covered with dry leaves.
- 2.2 You must toss it every few days to make sure it is all nicely mixed up!
- 2.3 Full composting takes 3-4 weeks in apartment setting.



- 2.4 Your bin needs to be outside (e.g. on your balcony), so that your compost can get enough sunlight and air to fully break down.
- 2.4 You also need a place to put your compost (e.g. garden or flower pots) once it is ready.
- 2.4 As far as I understand, it is not advisable to compost meat or dairy – needs a special approach that I am not familiar with (please research this!)

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## Where to Get More Help!

- 3.1 Watch a video on plastic bin composting (another option) here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=12zQvqjGk5Q>
- 3.2 **CETDEM** runs several courses on composting each year in KL <http://www.cetdem.org.my/wordpress>
- 3.3 **EcoKnights** is another composting group in KL that runs regular workshops <http://ecoknights.org.my/>
- 3.4 **Eat, Shoots and Roots** is an NGO dedicated to sustainable urban living: <http://eatshootsandroots.org/>

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