Composting is easy to make, but it is not as simple as just throwing your garden and kitchen scraps into a compost pile and checking on it a year later. Eventually, those organic materials will break down and create compost, but it is much cleaner, faster and more effective knowing the proper step-by-step guide.

Let’s compost!

1) **Choose a Compost Bin**
   
   - Bins have the advantage of being neat, preserving heat and keeping animals out.
   - You can build your own compost bin, or you can buy a compost bin from many garden centers.

There are many types of bins that you can use to hold organic materials. The size and type of bin you purchase, or build will depend on how much organic waste you and your family generate.

2) **Choose your composter location**

Choose a site that is sunny and well-drained. Most importantly you should find a site that is easily accessible year-round. Place the bin over bare soil rather than paving to ensure that beneficial organisms can make their way into the compost. It’s a good idea to remove any plants and turn the soil to a depth of about 6-8 inches.

3) **Making Great Compost**
Collect compostable materials which listed above in containers. You can chop materials into small pieces (the smaller the better). When they are full, empty their contents into the compost bin.

**Where to start?**

Place a 4” to 6” bottom layer of course material such as twigs, dead plant stalks in your composter in order to allow for drainage and aeration. Cover this layer with leaves. The simple alternate layers of garden waste and kitchen waste in 4” to 6” increments. Top off the compost pile with 1” of healthy garden soil or mushroom manure.

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