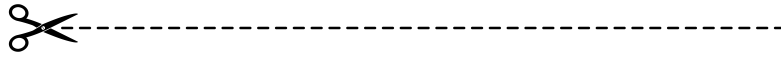


# TOP TRUMPS

1. Cut along the dotted lines to make your own pack of cards to use to play against friends.



2. Battle against your friends to see who has the best materials to compost

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## CARDBOARD

CAN IT BE COMPOSTED? YES 

**MATERIAL: BROWN**  
CORBON:NITROGEN RATIO 350:1  
TIME TAKEN TO DECOMPOSE: THREE MONTHS

Corrugated cardboard adds bulk, helps to preserve air flow and soaks up excessive moisture.

It will rot down much quicker is you tear it into small pieces, tearing will be easier if it's damp.



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## DOG & CAT POO

CAN IT BE COMPOSTED? NO 

**MATERIAL: HARMFUL BACTERIA**  
TIME TAKEN TO DECOMPOSE: APPROX 2-3 MONTHS

Both animals eat meat, so their waste can contain harmful organisms and produces odours.

Some people have dedicated wormeries, specifically for dog poo.



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# DAIRY

CAN IT BE COMPOSTED? NO 

**MATERIAL: CHEESE, MILK, YOGHURT**

IT WILL DECOMPOSE BUT RODENTS WILL BE ATTRACTED BEFORE IT DOES

The smell of these products will produce a strong stink that will attract unwanted animals.

You can add small amounts, but it won't add a lot of bulk to the heap.



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# EGGSHELLS

CAN IT BE COMPOSTED? YES 

**MATERIAL: BROWN**

TIME TAKEN TO DECOMPOSE: EGG SHELLS BREAK UP INTO TINY PIECES, RATHER THAN DECOMPOSING

They break down VERY slowly, and will continue to do so when you've applied your compost to the garden.

Crush up the eggshells before putting them in the compost.



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# FRUIT AND VEG WASTE

CAN IT BE COMPOSTED? YES 

**MATERIAL: GREEN**  
CARBON:NITROGEN RATIO 25:1

TIME TAKEN TO DECOMPOSE: 2-5 WEEKS

Fruit and veg leftovers will break down pretty quickly, cut into small chunks to speed it up.

Don't add cooked vegetables to your compost that have come into contact with meat, dairy or oils.



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# MAGAZINES

CAN IT BE COMPOSTED? NO 

**MATERIAL: GLOSSY PAPER AND INK**

TIME TAKEN TO DECOMPOSE: MORE THAN 1 YEAR

Glossy paper won't break down and the inks can sometimes be toxic.

Recycle your old magazines, donate them to community services or get creative with them.



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# NAPPIES

CAN IT BE COMPOSTED? **NO** 

**MATERIAL: PLASTIC WITH CHEMICALS**

**TIME TAKEN TO DECOMPOSE: IT CAN TAKE 200-500 YEARS**

The plastic and chemicals won't break down and can contaminate the rest of the compost.

Unfortunately, nappies should be sent to landfill. Alternatively, you could use cloth nappies.



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# NETTLES

CAN IT BE COMPOSTED? **YES** 

**MATERIAL: GREEN**

**CARBON:NITROGEN RATIO 20:1**

**TIME TAKEN TO DECOMPOSE: 6 MONTHS**

These are natural composting accelerators, so is a great green addition.

You can use nettles to make a liquid fertiliser by fermenting them in rain water.



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# OIL

CAN IT BE COMPOSTED? **NO** 

**MATERIAL: WATER-RESISTANT OIL**

**ADDING IT WILL SLOW DOWN THE COMPOSTING PROCESS.**

It can attract rodents, form water resistant barriers and reduce air-flow.

You can use left over cooking oils that are solid at room temperature to make bird feeders.



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# TOILET ROLL

CAN IT BE COMPOSTED? **YES** 

**MATERIAL: BROWN**

**CARBON:NITROGEN RATIO 100:1**

**TIME TAKEN TO DECOMPOSE: 2-4 WEEKS**

As long as it hasn't been used to clean up anything that isn't suitable for composting e.g. oil, pet waste

You can compost the inner tubes as well.



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