



## **Composting: An Organism of Change**

**Objective:** Inspire fellow students to get involved with composting at home and school.



**Recipe Category:** Soil & Composting



**Cooking Time:** 25 mins



**Level of Difficulty:** Grade 10



### **Ingredients(for a group of 20 students)**

- One 3-cell Compost Bin
- Soil Power Story Board
- Sample Tools, Types of Compost, Compost Materials, Compost Logos, Sample Stencils/Logo Design (various organisms)
- Sign-up Sheet and Clipboard
- 20 Pencils
- 20 8.5"x11" pieces of wood board (for drawing and cutting on)
- 20 Piece of rigid/heavy cardstock or light cardboard
- 10 make-up sponges, various non-toxic, acrylic paints.
- 20 Exacto Knives or Scissors
- 10 Pie Trays
- Various Acrylic Paints
- 5 Tea Towels
- 20 sets of gloves
- One web-address for capturing the finished product of the workshop



## Curriculum Links:

Grade	Subject Area	Ontario Curriculum Links
10	Visual Arts	<p><i>Creating and Presenting</i></p> <p>A1. Apply the creative process to create a variety of art works, individually and/or collaboratively (O).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A1.1 Use a variety of strategies, individually and/or collaboratively, to generate ideas and to develop plans for the creation of art works.</li> </ul>

### **Workshop Overview:**

- Introductions –(1 min, Facilitators and Volunteers)
- Introduce Soil Power! And the 3-cell composter-as a tool for cultural change. (2min)
- Very short Ice-breaker(2min)
- Macro-Organism Logo/Design Activity-**An Organism of Change** (10min)
- Stenciling/Printing of the Logos/Decoration of Recipe for Change Compost Bin (10min)

### **Introduction: (2 min)**

1. People and Background
2. Goal and Objectives of Workshop

### **Subject: (3min)**

1. School Composting, Soil Power!, Cultural Change and Student Involvement/facilitation.
2. Ice-Breaker (short 2min, name + ugliest critter you've ever seen)

### **Activity: An Organism of Change: (20mins)**

**Goal:** To create a powerful 'composting' symbol of cultural change.

### **Objectives:**

1. Inspire students to compost and become better environmental stewards.
2. Color a Compost Bin with colorful student logo designs.

## **Directions:**

1. Introduce Macro-organism logo-designs. Speak about the power of symbols and logos in culture today.
2. Handout cardstock and ask students to design their own composting logo using the following design parameters. (5min)
  - i. Must include one living organism related to composting and/or the natural world. (either a bug, a plant, soil, a tree etc)
  - ii. Must include one symbol or element of human activity (either a person, a hand, a tool, a building, etc)
  - iii. Must be between 8.5”x 11” and 4”x4” in size (show example of both sizes)
  - iv. No text (awwww).

Meanwhile, prepare some water-based and non-toxic paint trays of different colors. Ensure the paint is watery enough that it is soaked up by a sponge but still provides a bright and bold color.

3. Cut out original design using scissors/and or exacto knife + cutting board. (Provide assistance as necessary).
4. Using a make-up sponge and the paint tray, each student may then print a copy of their logo-design onto the compost-bin. Feel free to print as many or as few as you like. Be sure to sign your name to your logo!
5. Leave your email address and take down the web address for where the finished Recipe for Change compost bin will be displayed online.



## Serving Suggestions:

### Sample Composting Logo-Designs

