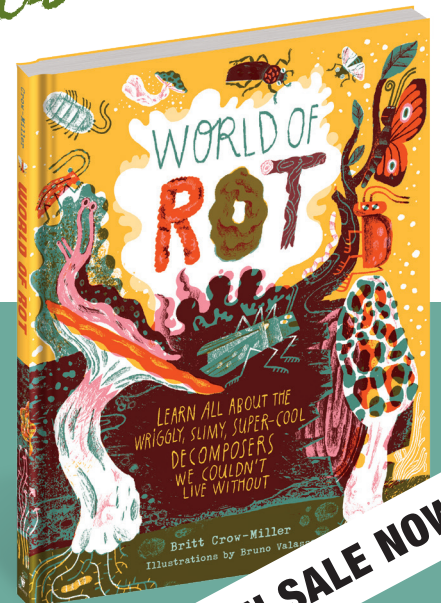


# Roly-Poly Pets

When most people think of pets, they imagine puppies or kittens, but why not consider keeping a pill bug (a.k.a. roly-poly) or two as a pet? What better chance to observe decomposers at work? You'll need a large glass jar or terrarium.

1. Cover the bottom of your jar with moist soil. If you're feeling fancy, you can even plant a mini fern or some moss from your yard or a local garden store.
2. Head outside to collect some fallen leaves and bark. Add a layer of each on top of the soil. You can also add a few twigs and pebbles to help your roly-polies feel at home.
3. Now start flipping over rocks and logs on the ground to look for your new pets. Gently pick up a few cute little roly-polies with your fingers. (Don't worry! They can't bite, sting, or spread disease.) Place them in their new home.
4. Pick out names! You might consider Queen Rot, Uncle Fester, or perhaps Professor Decay?
5. Back inside, fill a spray bottle with water and gently mist your decomposers' habitat. You'll want to do this every day.
6. Feed your roly-polies fruit and vegetable scraps or leaf litter from outside regularly, and record your observations. Roly-polies are nocturnal, so they're likely to be busy munching on their rotten snacks while you're asleep.



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