

ASSOCIATION LES ROSES ANCIENNES DE LA BONNE MAISON



Proof of a pudding

Compost of La Bonne Maison from an old English recipe

The easy recipe relies on a build-up of layers, always in the same order, until the heap reaches about 1m. It needs no turning.

Charcoaled wood to absorb impurities

3 inches of straw

9 inches of green matter (weeds, vegetable trimmings, kitchen waste, grass-mowings)

or woody stuff alternately (shrub prunings)

A sprinkling of ammoniac sulfate (herbal activator)

A whitening of lime (lithotame)

A sprinkling of fine soil

Some handful of peat

If you have some, two-inch layer of soil for the final capping (not absolutely necessary)

I add some dehydrated manure from time to time,
and in winter, ashes from the wooden stove and fireplace.

Leave it for 2 months.

Water during dry weather.

All the material goes through a shredder before going on the heap.

Never use rose or clematis prunings, nor conifers.