

How Soil is Formed

There is a thin layer of soil on top of the Earth. Plants need it in order to grow. Without plants, there would be no animals or people.

Two things happen when soil is made. Tiny grains wear off the rocks under the ground. They mix with water to make a thick paste.

If the grains are large, they make sandy soil. If they are small, they make clay.

The second thing that happens is that plants and animals die and fall on the ground. They rot and rain washes them in.

The paste from the rocks mixes with the rotten plants and animals to make soil. Worms help to mix them together as they tunnel through the earth.

1. What happens under the ground that helps make soil?

Under the ground...

2. How do plants and animals help make soil?

Plants and animals...

3. How does the soil get mixed together?

The soil...