Mosquito Egg Trap
Instructions
Trapping Materials

• 2 Liter plastic soda bottle
• Scissors
• Seed germination paper (brown paper towel)
• Bobby pins
• Paint + paint brushes
• Water
• Fish food pellets
1. Cut the top off of the soda bottle
2. Cut enough paper towel to go around the inside of the bottle and fold the paper towel into a strip. Bobby Pin the paper towel to the inside top of the bottle.
3. Paint the entire outside of the bottle. Black is best, but any color will do as long as the whole thing is covered!
4. Fill the bottle up to the very bottom of the paper towel, not covering the paper but just enough so that the water is wicked up and the towel is damp. Add 3-4 crushed fish food pellets.
5. Place the bottle outside under a shelter that will prevent it from being filled with rain water and on a hard surface where it is less likely to tip over.
6. Check the bottle after one week. Remove the paper towel from the bottle. EMPTY OUT THE WATER and either put away the trap or fill it with new water and fish food so that no mosquitoes may hatch!
Drying and Storing the Eggs

1. Lay paper towel out flat to dry for 24 hours
2. Fold paper towel up, egg side in, and place in a snack sized ziplock bag
3. Close the snack sized bag 90% of the way, leaving a small opening so that a little humidity can enter
4. Label the snack sized bag with the current date and your address
5. Place the snack sized bag into the gallon sized ziplock bag
6. Wet the sponge and place inside the gallon sized ziplock bag. This will provide the humidity. Seal the gallon sized bag completely
Mailing the Eggs

There are enough materials to set the trap four times. Each week you collect a paper towel with eggs, you add another snack sized bag to your gallon ziplock. If you do this four times, you will have a gallon sized bag with four snack sized bags inside.

The eggs from all four weeks can be mailed all at once. After four weeks just stamp the envelope and put in the mail!

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