

# jello worms!



Choose a container and cram in your straws, making sure the straws are flush with the bottom of the container and that there are enough straws that they are tight against the lower edges of the container.



To make the pouring process easier, and because my container flared wider at the top, I rubber-banded the top of the straws so that when I poured in the jello, it didn't drizzle down in between the straws.



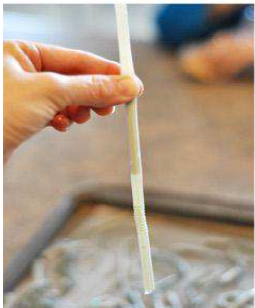
This is the bottom view of my container. Those straws are packed in tight like little sardines.



I wasn't talented enough to take a photo of me pouring on the jello mixture, but here is the result: you'll see that the container still fills up with jello, but don't panic! If your straws were wedged tightly together inside the container, they'll still fill up with the jello mixture without it all leaking out of the straws.



Once the jello-filled straws have been refrigerated overnight, run hot water over the container and pull out the blob of jello and straws. If you hold up a straw, you'll see where the jello worm starts - see that dark wormy mass inside that straw? That's the top of the worm.



Grip the straw where the worm starts tightly with one thumb and forefinger.



Using your other thumb and forefinger (my picture obviously only shows one set of fingers since I was taking a picture with the other), press down on the worm and slide your fingers tightly down the length of the straw, still using your other fingers to hold the straw tightly at the top. The little wormy will start coming out the bottom of the straw.



Lay the worms on a tray lined with wax paper and refrigerate until ready to serve. In the meantime decide whether you have the stomach to eat these little creatures or not!