



GREEN EXPLORERS CLUB  
**STAY AT HOME PROJECT**

**LESSON: ANIMAL SCAT**

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Do wombats have cube-shaped poo?

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LOL. Yes indeed they do!

## DIRECTIONS

These quick projects are designed for you to do at home with your kids in an hour or less with materials that you likely already have in your cupboards. The book suggestions can all be purchased digitally so you can read them on your hand-held device if you do not have a relevant book on your bookshelves.

## BOOKS

[“Who’s Poop is That?”](#) by Darrin Lunde

[“What Do They Do With All That Poo?”](#) by Jane Kurtz

[“Super Marsupials: Kangaroos, Koalas, Womabats, and More”](#) by Katharine Kenah

## TOPIC INTRODUCTION

**STEP 1:** Start by talking about the topic of the day - **ANIMAL POOP!**

All animals poo because they all have to eat and then get rid of their waste. Scientists call these dropping “scat.” Insects, snakes, lizards, frogs, and mammals all leave scat behind. In addition to scat, animals often leave little bits of themselves behind, these are clues for people who like to study or track animals in their natural habitat.

**STEP 2:** Read a book about animal scat. Be sure to point out the different shapes and uses for animal poop as you go through the book. You can choose a favorite book from your home bookshelves, or try one of the suggested books above on your Kindle if you would like something new to read with your kids. If your kids are still curious after the book, look around online to do more research.

**STEP 3:** Explain to the kids that there is one animal in the world who has very unique poop because it is actually **cubes** -- this animal is native to Australia and called a WOMBAT. Wombats are the only animals in the world that produce cube-shaped poop. Every evening, your average wombat deposits 80 to 100 dry, cube-like droppings around its territory. Wombat poo is cube shaped so they can mark their territory with it - these little square blocks of poo are perfect for placing on top of rocks and logs to mark out the boundaries of their homes.

**STEP 4:** Gather your materials. You can follow the recipe for our wombat brownie bites, or use your favorite family brownie recipe, but when your brownies have cooled cut them in to small squares and serve. Quiz the kids about what they learned about animal scat as they are enjoying their snack.

## WOMBAT BITES

PROJECT TIME - 1 hour

BAKE TIME - 35 min

## MATERIALS NEEDED

- ½ cup salted butter
- 2 semi-sweet chocolate bars/baking chocolate (4-ounce bars) coarsely chopped
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- ¼ cup packed brown sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- ½ cup and 2 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 2 tbsp cocoa powder
- ¼ tsp salt
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 9x9 pan
- Aluminum foil
- Knife
- Large Mixing Bowl
- Microwave-Safe Bowl



## WOMBAT VIDEO -

[“Don’t Wake the Wombat”](#)  
(Brave Wilderness, 10 min)

## MAKE YOUR WOMBAT BROWNIES

### STEP 1: MELT THE BUTTER AND CHOCOLATE.

Melt the butter and chopped chocolate in a microwave-safe bowl in 20 second increments. When mixture is totally melted, pour it into the large mixing bowl and allow it to slightly cool (10 min).

### STEP 2: PREHEAT OVEN + PREPARE THE PAN.

Have the kids gather around the table after they’ve washed their hands. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line the bottom and sides of a 9x9 inch square baking pan with aluminum foil leaving an overhang on all sides. Set aside.

### STEP 3: MIX THE WET INGREDIENTS.

Have the kids take turns adding the sugar and brown sugar into the chocolate/butter mixture and stir. Next, add eggs one at a time, stirring until smooth after each new egg. Add vanilla and stir.

### STEP 4: MIX THE DRY INGREDIENTS.

Add the flour, cocoa powder, and salt to the brownie batter. Stir into the mixture until smooth. Once the batter is completely combined, add in the chocolate chips and stir together.

### STEP 5: BAKE THE WOMBAT BROWNIES.

Pour the brownie batter into the prepared baking dish and bake for 35 minutes (or until the brownies begin to pull away from the edges of the pan. A toothpick or fork inserted into the center should come out with only a few moist crumbs when the brownies are done.

### STEP 6: SET THE BROWNIES ASIDE TO COOL.

When they are cool, cut them into small cube shapes so they resemble the real thing! Eat, enjoy, and review everything you learned about animal scat today.

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE - Tag us in a picture of your seed bomb’s adventure. Find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. We would love to see your wombat bites!