



Gardening Activities

This time at home with family is hopefully a wonderful opportunity to get out into the garden and busy oneself with some activities. I hope the suggestions are helpful!

1. Make a simple bug house

For this you will need scraps from the garden, or you could collect a few things on a walk such as twigs, stones, leaves, bricks, old pieces of wood, straw and other natural items. Arrange the materials in layers - if necessary tie together softer materials with twine. Have fun designing each bug room!



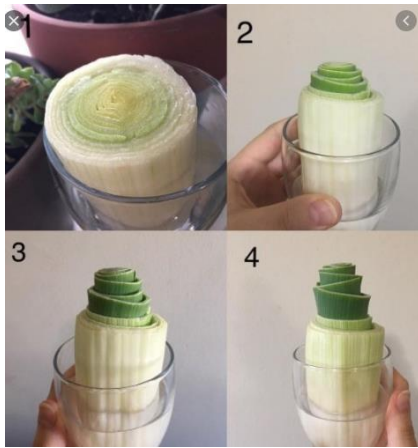
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qpau_m2OCaE

2. It's rewarding to grow vegetables from scraps:

Some ideas would include cutting peppers in half and placing soil into each half and waiting for the seeds to sprout. Really simple!



Or you could try growing onions in bottles, like this!



Garlic cloves sprout really quickly popped straight into soil in cups or a pot!



Tomatoes couldn't be easier, just cut a few slices and put directly into pots with soil.



3. Succulents can be propagated by planting the leaves onto some soil and waiting for them to sprout again! Some varieties can be be broken off at the stem and placed straight into some damp soil.



4. It's the right time of the year for planting all kinds of seeds. Why not buy some herbs and vegetables to harvest when the time comes and enjoy them in your family meals! Some easy to grow veggies are lettuce, peas, broccoli, cauliflower and parsnips. Some herbs that are good to plant now include dill, basil and cilantro.



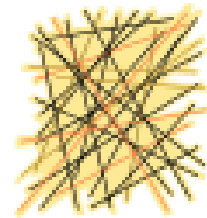
Bug house



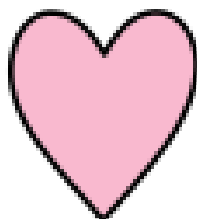
I want



Leaves



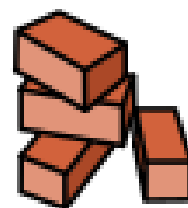
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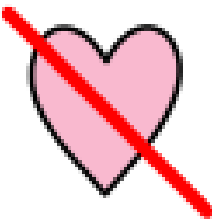
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Twigs



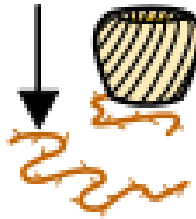
Bricks



I don't like



Stones



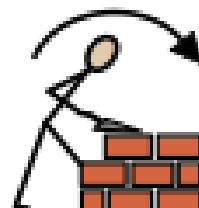
Twine



Help



Wood



Build

Growing kitchen scraps



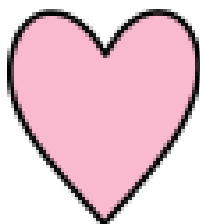
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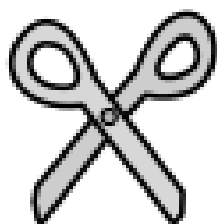
Vegetables



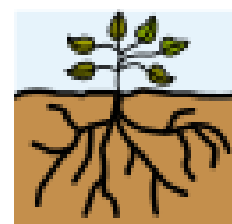
Water



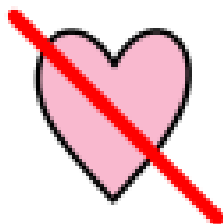
I like



Scissors



Roots



I don't like



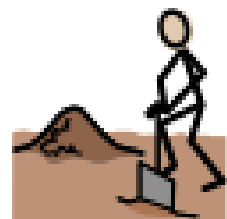
Cup



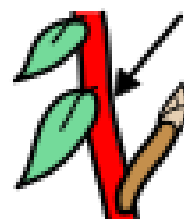
Leaf



Help



Soil



Stem

Planting seeds



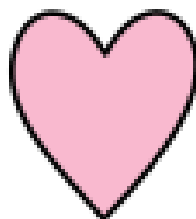
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Vegetables



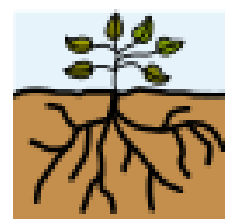
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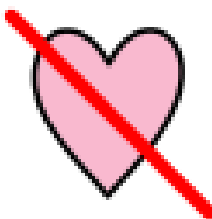
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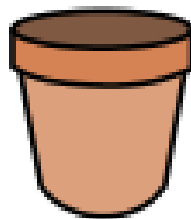
Herbs



Roots



I don't like



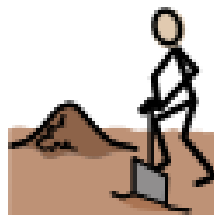
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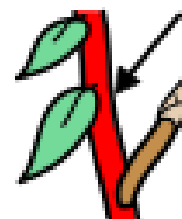
Leaf



Help



Soil



Stem