Color in the Harlem Grown Crew!

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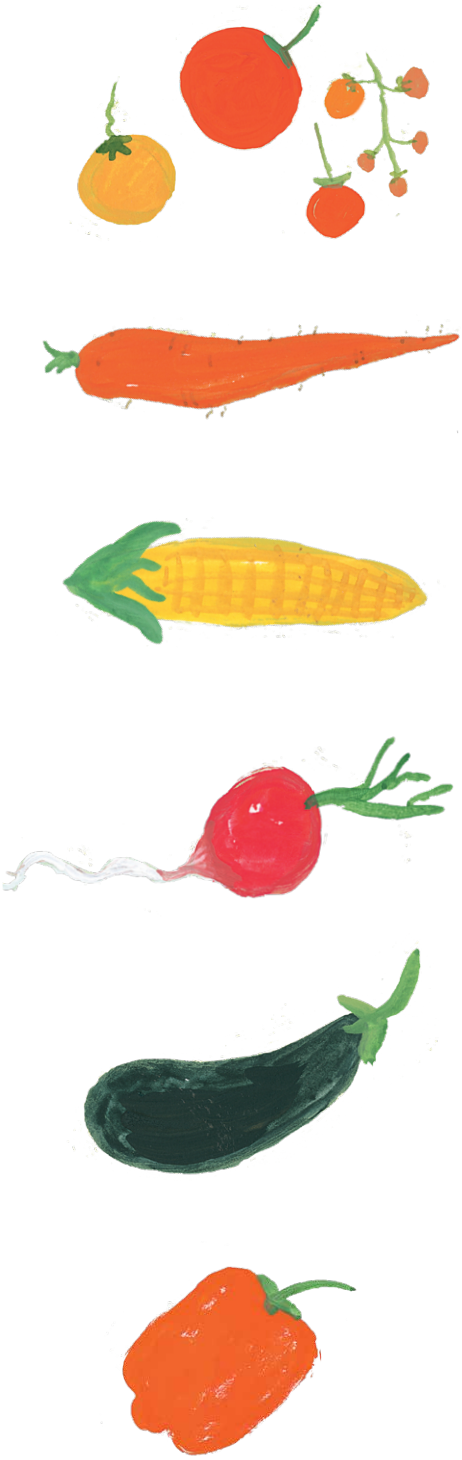
Name That Veggie!

Help the Harlem Grown community label their vegetables! Inside of the marker, write the name of the vegetable. There are six in total -- can you name them all?



ANSWER:
tomato
carrot
corn
radish
eggplant
bell pepper

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A Plate to Share

During the harvest festival the community came together and shared their homegrown foods, flowers, and recipes. Draw a delicious dish that you would want to share with your community!

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Start Your Own Community Garden

STEP 1: Gather your community. Organize a garden committee, including your principal, parent coordinator, and others.

STEP 2: Pick and secure a site, and make a plan. Identify an unused lot or empty space at school or in your neighborhood. Secure funding and sponsorships.

STEP 3: Choose your plants. Plan short- and long-term crops. Find and use seasonal and regional crops.

STEP 4: Begin planting, and connect it to academics to enhance support. Start seedlings in unused household containers, cans, or milk cartons. Build raised beds with non-pressurized lumber or large food containers.

STEP 5: Visit your garden every day—weed, water, and check on the plants.

STEP 6: Harvest and share—celebrate your garden and volunteers. Host Earth Day events, monthly family-friendly garden-based activities, or potluck meals with garden-grown produce.

STEP 7: Encourage composting to ensure nutrient-rich soil.

STEP 8: Winterize your garden by planting winter-hardy crops. Build cold frames to go over each bed. Use PVC piping to make hoops over the beds, and cover them with plastic sheeting.

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