

Plant Pals Card Game

Print and cut out each of the cards on the following pages.

Read the descriptions for each plant card. Some plants form good matches; they help to protect each other, to support each other's growth, or to improve the flavor or health of other plants. Plants that match well are called "companions."

Match the cards to assemble three different sets of companion plants.

The Three Sisters: These plants create a nutritious blend of vegetables while they help each other grow.

Food Forest: These plants grow at different heights, helping to protect each other and creating a lot of variety in the foods they make.

Pizza Garden: These plants create a lot of the ingredients for pizza! The plants protect each other and help to improve each other's flavor.



Extender Activity:

Add cards to the game by drawing more plant companion sets. Can you think of any plants that like to grow together? If you need some help in finding companions, here's a good resource:

<https://waldenlabs.com/the-ultimate-companion-planting-guide-chart/>



Food Forest



Dwarf Apple Tree

A dwarf apple tree grows to about 10 feet tall. It can produce a variety of tasty apples.

Dwarf apple trees grow in similar conditions to paw paw trees.

2

Three Sisters



Pumpkin

Pumpkin is a type of squash that grows along the ground. Pumpkin is cooked into a lot of recipes, and is also used for decoration.

Pumpkin can protect the soil around other plant's roots.

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Pizza Garden



Onion

Onion grows as an underground bulb. It has a strong flavor and is used in many recipes.

Onion grows in similar conditions to garlic.

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Food Forest



Sage

Sage grows low to the ground. This herb is used in a lot of recipes.

Sage protects the soil and the roots of nearby plants.

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Food Forest



Paw Paw Tree

The paw paw tree grows to about 30 feet tall. The tree produces a soft, flavorful fruit.

Paw paw trees grow in similar conditions to apple trees.

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Three Sisters



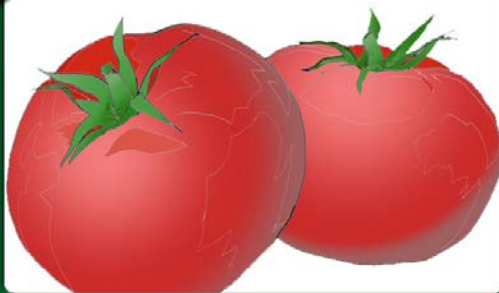
Bean

Bean plants grow as a climbing vines. The edible beans are found in pods that hang off the plant.

The bean vine grows on trellises or climbs taller plants.

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Pizza Garden



Tomato

The tomato grows as a vine. The fruit of the plant can be eaten raw or cooked, or made into a sauce.

Planting the tomato next to basil increases the tomato's flavor.

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Food Forest



Sunchoke Flower

The sunchoke plant grows around 4 feet tall with yellow flowers. The plant has tasty, edible roots.

Sunchoke attracts pollinators and protects groundcover plants.

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Food Forest



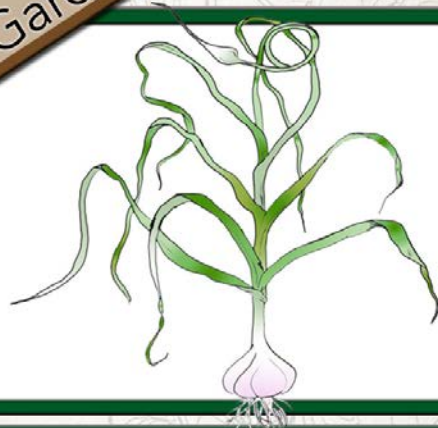
Raspberry Bush

The raspberry bush grows to about 4 feet tall. It produces a lot of edible fruit.

Raspberry brambles protect other plants and attract pollinators.

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Pizza Garden



Garlic

Garlic grows as an underground bulb. The plant's strong cloves are used in a lot of recipes.

Garlic grows in similar conditions to onions.

4

Pizza Garden



Basil

Basil is a common garden plant with a lot of varieties. It is also a tasty culinary herb.

Basil adds flavor to tomatoes when planted nearby.

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Three Sisters



Corn

Corn grows as a tall stalk with tasty kernels that grow on cobs. Corn can be eaten on the cob, made into flour, or popped.

Corn can provide a support for vines to climb.

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