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## Growing. Companions

In nature, not all plants get along! The same is true in our gardens at home. We've listed some plant combinations so you know which plants will grow successfully next to one another.

Carrots, Lettuce, Peas,
I. Chives, Rosemary

2 Lettuce, Radishes, Carrots,
2. Strawberries, Cucumbers
3. Tomatoes, Basil, Carrots,
3. Celery, Onions

4 Peppers, Tomatoes, Basil,
4. Onions, Geranium

5 Cucumber, Dill, Lettuce,
Peppers, Tomatoes
6. Peas, Corn, Parsley,
6. Thyme, Strawberries

7 Strawberries, Garlic, Sage,
7. Lettuce, Spinach
8. Melon, Corn, Sunflowers,
8. Herbs, Marigold

9 Kale, Spinach, Rosemary, Onion, Potatoes
10. Marigold, plant anywhere! These naturally repel pests

## Tips + Tricks

I. Plant in the Spring and Fall seasons to get more out of your garden.
2. Think about location and sunlight. Almost all vegetables and most flowers need 6-8 hours of full sun each day.
3. Keep it close by. The closer you are to your garden, the more enjoyment you'll get from your plants.
4. Pay attention to time until harvest, particularly if growing with kids. Peas, herbs and lettuce provide almost instant satisfaction.
5. Consider how often it rains or you'll need to water. Some plants like leafy greens and seedlings will not recover well from irregular watering.
6. Seeds vs Transplants: Carrots, beans and lettuces are best started directly in the soil whereas peppers, tomatoes, strawberries and herbs get a faster start with transplants.
7. Think about eventual plant height and spread. Cucumbers, melons and other vining plants can grow out or up.
8. Try something new: okra, tomatillos, popcorn and a huge variety of squash make for fun new discoveries.
9. Give back with nourishment for your soil. Some fluffy compost at the beginning of the season helps, but a true garden will need to be fed regularly. Use organic nutrients from your local garden center.
10. Weeds compete with your plants for moisture and nutrients. Remove weeds as soon as you see them so they don't have a chance to produce seeds and spread.

## Protect Our Pollinators

Bees, butterflies and hummingbirds play an integral role in our food supply. These creatures are facing extinction, due to variables including modern agriculture practices and increased use of pesticides. Planting wildflowers will not only make your garden more beautiful, but they will support these creatures that make growing at home possible!

## My Garden Map

Pick out your favorite fruits, vegetables and herbs for your garden! Color them in, carefully cut them out and place on the garden squares to plan the perfect garden for you. The number next to the plant name indicates how many seedlings can be planted in each square foot of soil. Follow our tips and tricks and growing companion advice to grow the garden of your dreams.


