

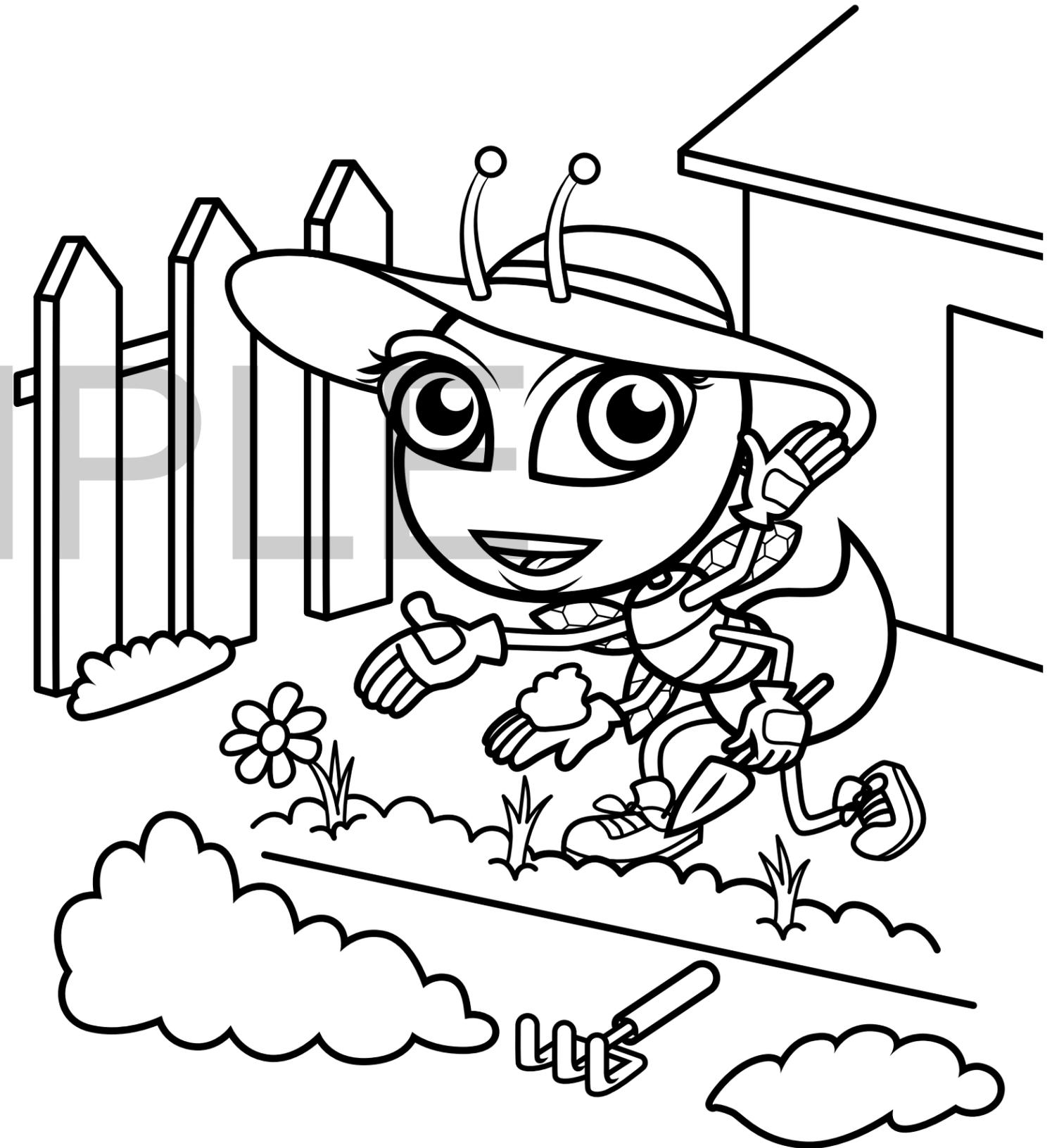
Beelinda Bee Learns How to

# COMPOST AT HOME



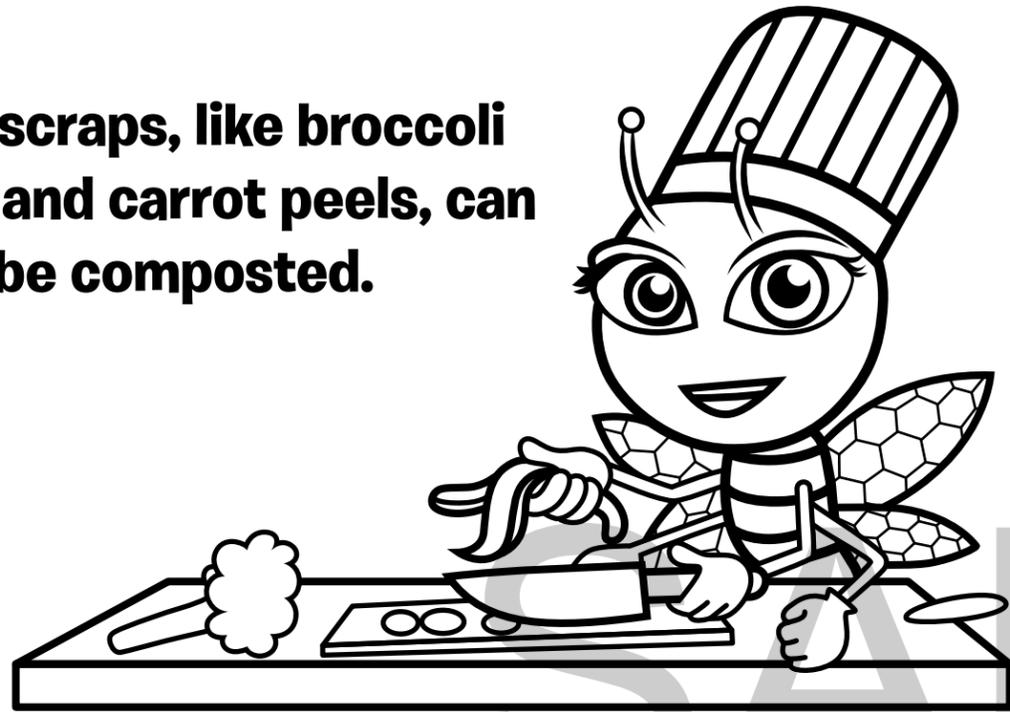
**Hi! I'm Beelinda Bee, and I'm here to talk about composting. Composting is a great way to reduce waste, and it helps plants grow!**

SAMPLE



**We make a lot of trash. Most of what we throw out isn't useful, but some of our waste can be very helpful if we compost.**

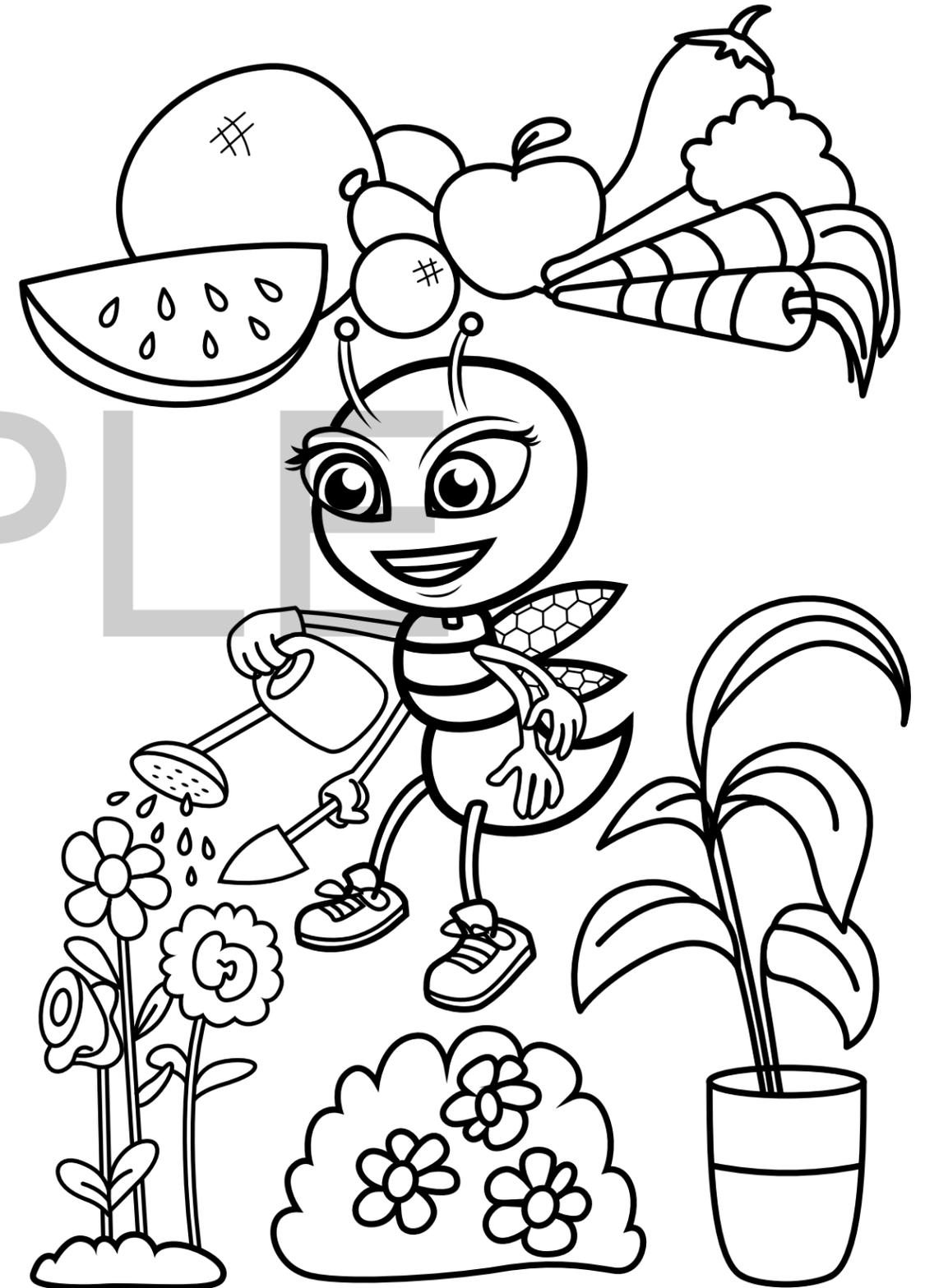
**Food scraps, like broccoli stems and carrot peels, can be composted.**



**So can yard waste like grass clippings and leaves.**

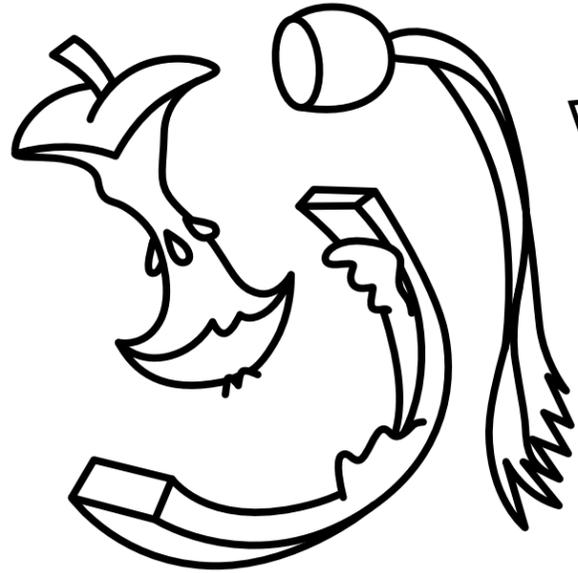


**It all gets mixed together, nature does its work (with a little help from us), and it turns into soil for growing vegetables, flowers, and other plants.**



Here are some things you can compost at home:

**FRUIT AND  
VEGETABLE  
SCRAPS**



**YARD  
WASTE**

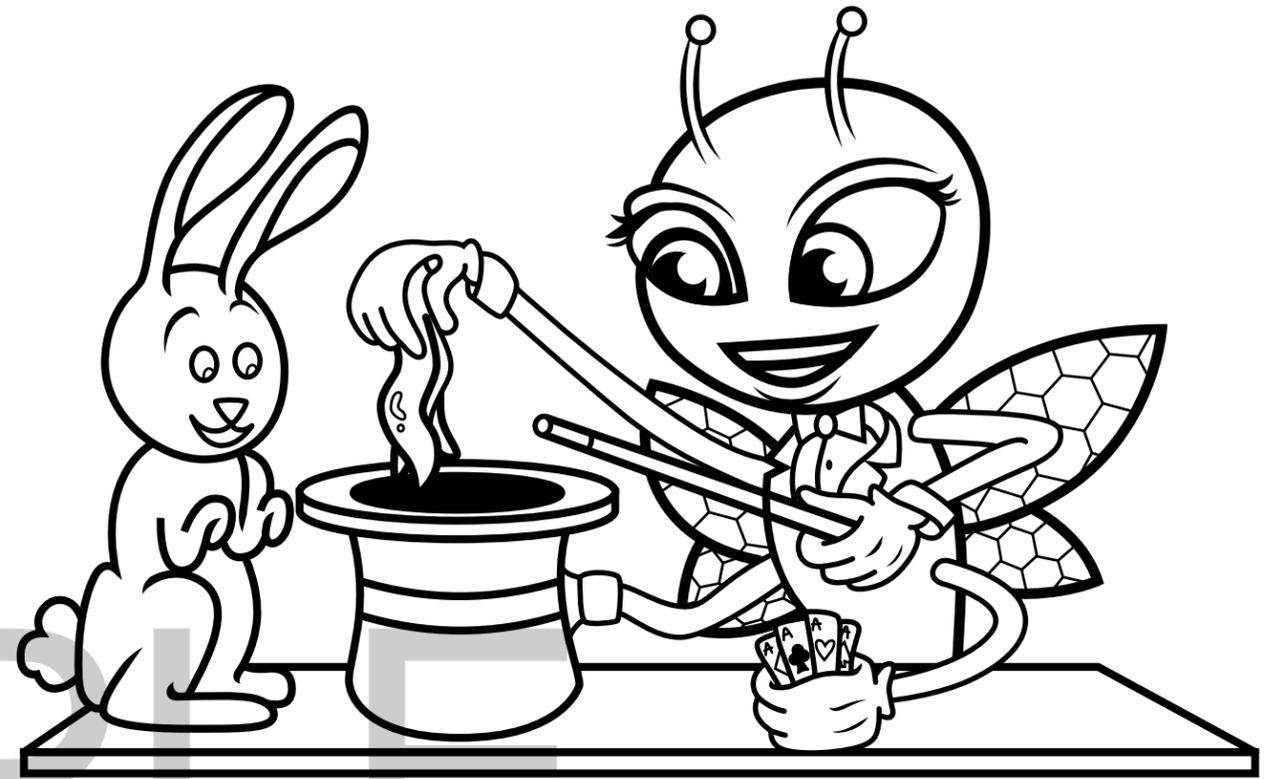


**EGGSHELLS**

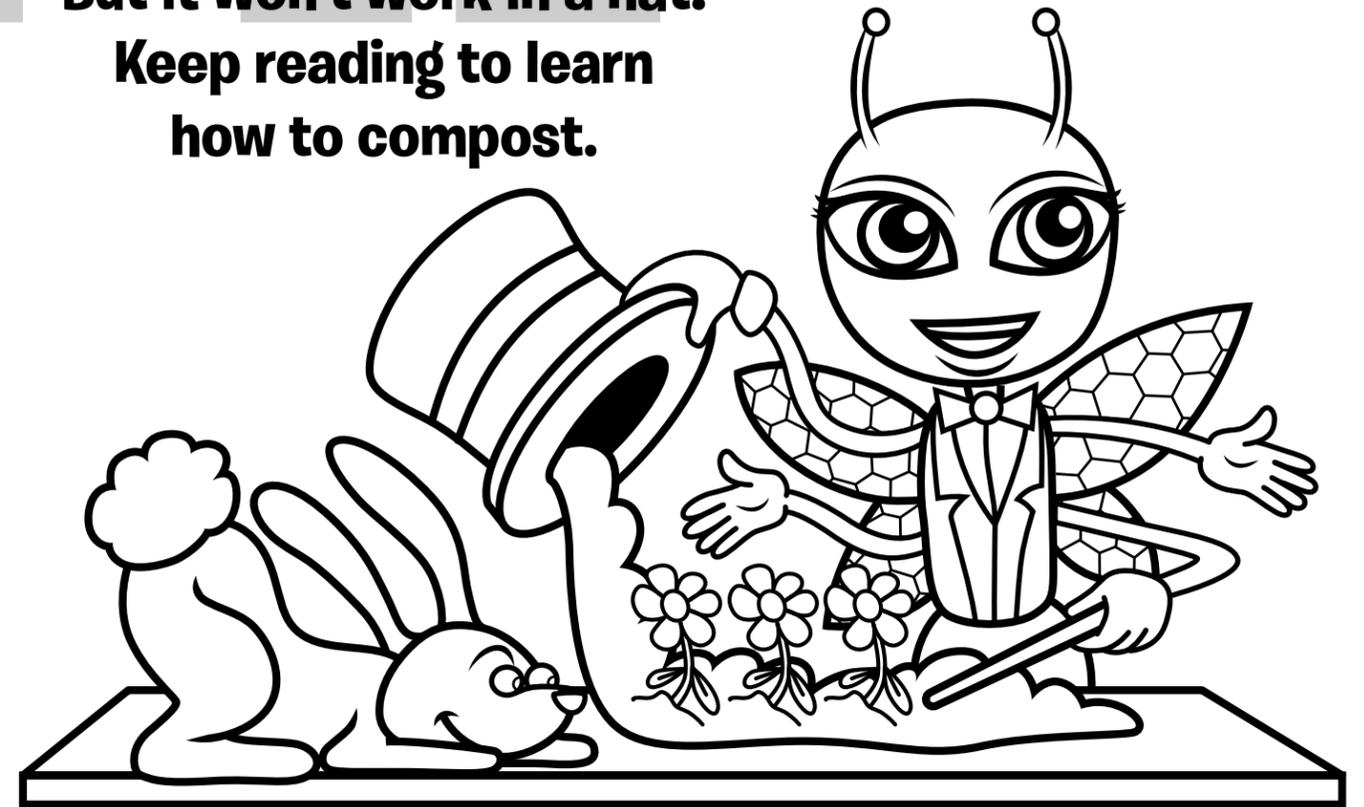


**COFFEE FILTERS  
AND TEABAGS**

It's fun to compost! Turning waste into useful soil is almost like a magic trick!



But it won't work in a hat!  
Keep reading to learn  
how to compost.



**One way is called the bucket method.**

**With the help of an adult, you can start by collecting compostable things in a coffee can, plastic container, or large food storage bag right in your kitchen.**

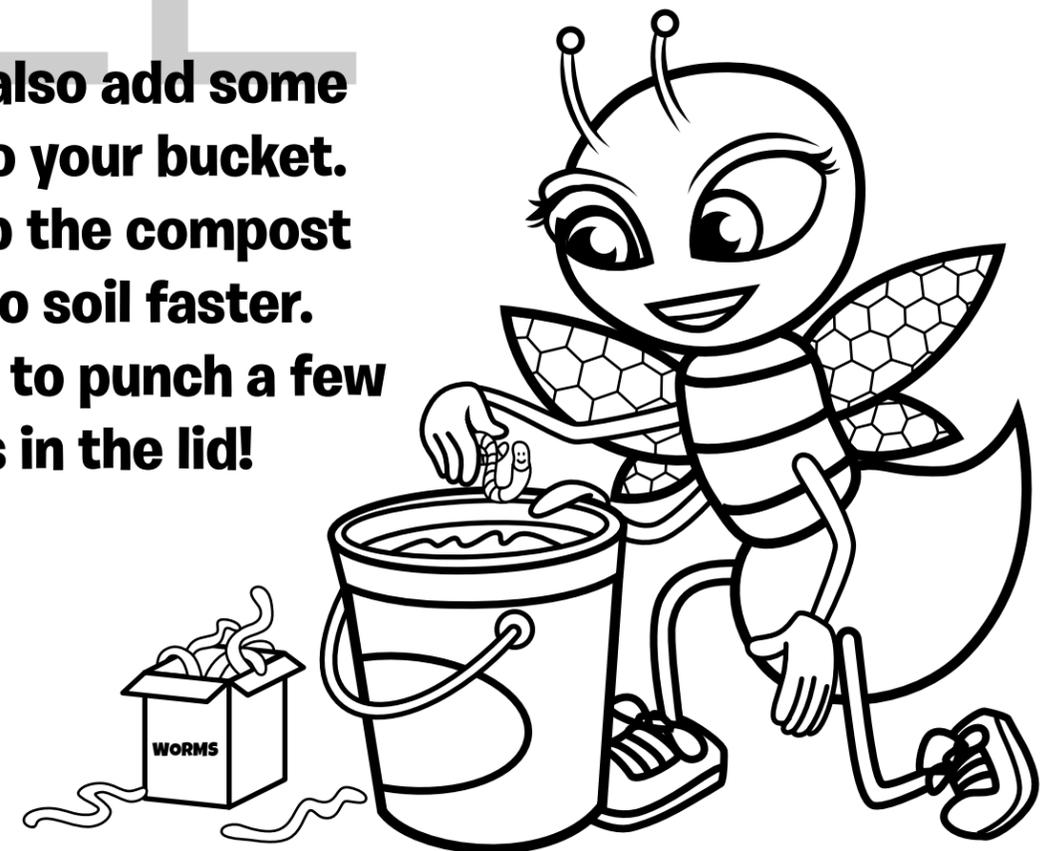


**Once or twice a week, turn the contents with a trowel or add a lid and shake the bucket. In about a month you'll have usable soil for the garden.**

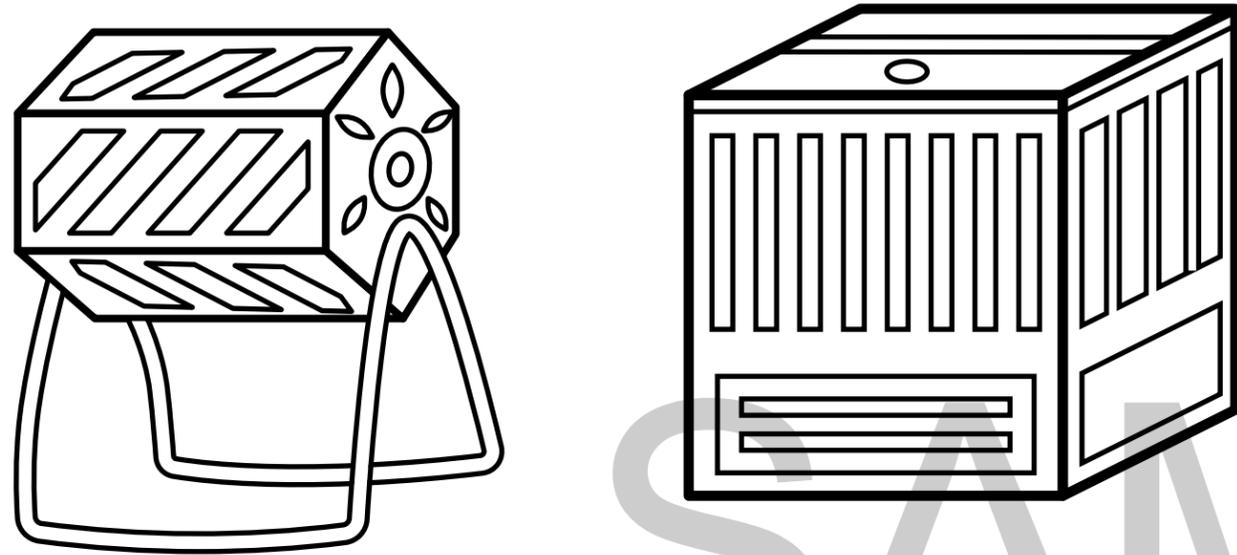


**Once you have enough, transfer them to a bucket. Mix equal amounts of food waste and yard waste in your bucket.**

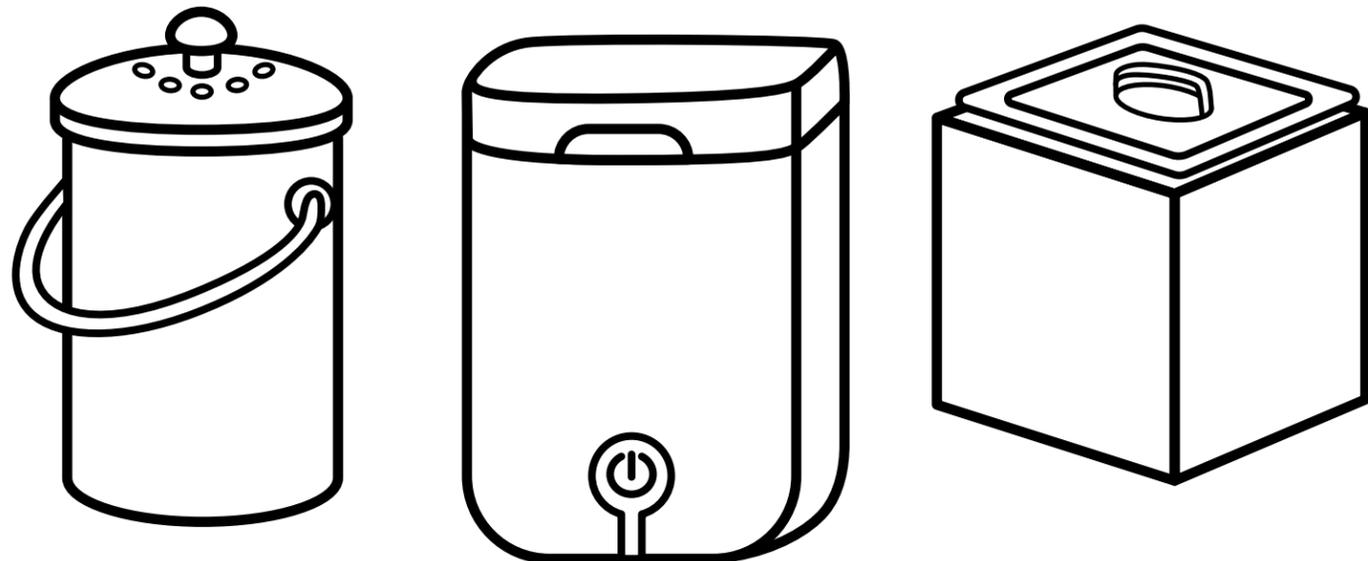
**You can also add some worms to your bucket. They help the compost turn into soil faster. Make sure to punch a few holes in the lid!**



**There are lots of ways to compost. A grown-up can help you figure out the best way for your home. Here are some other kinds of compost bins. Some are made for the yard...**



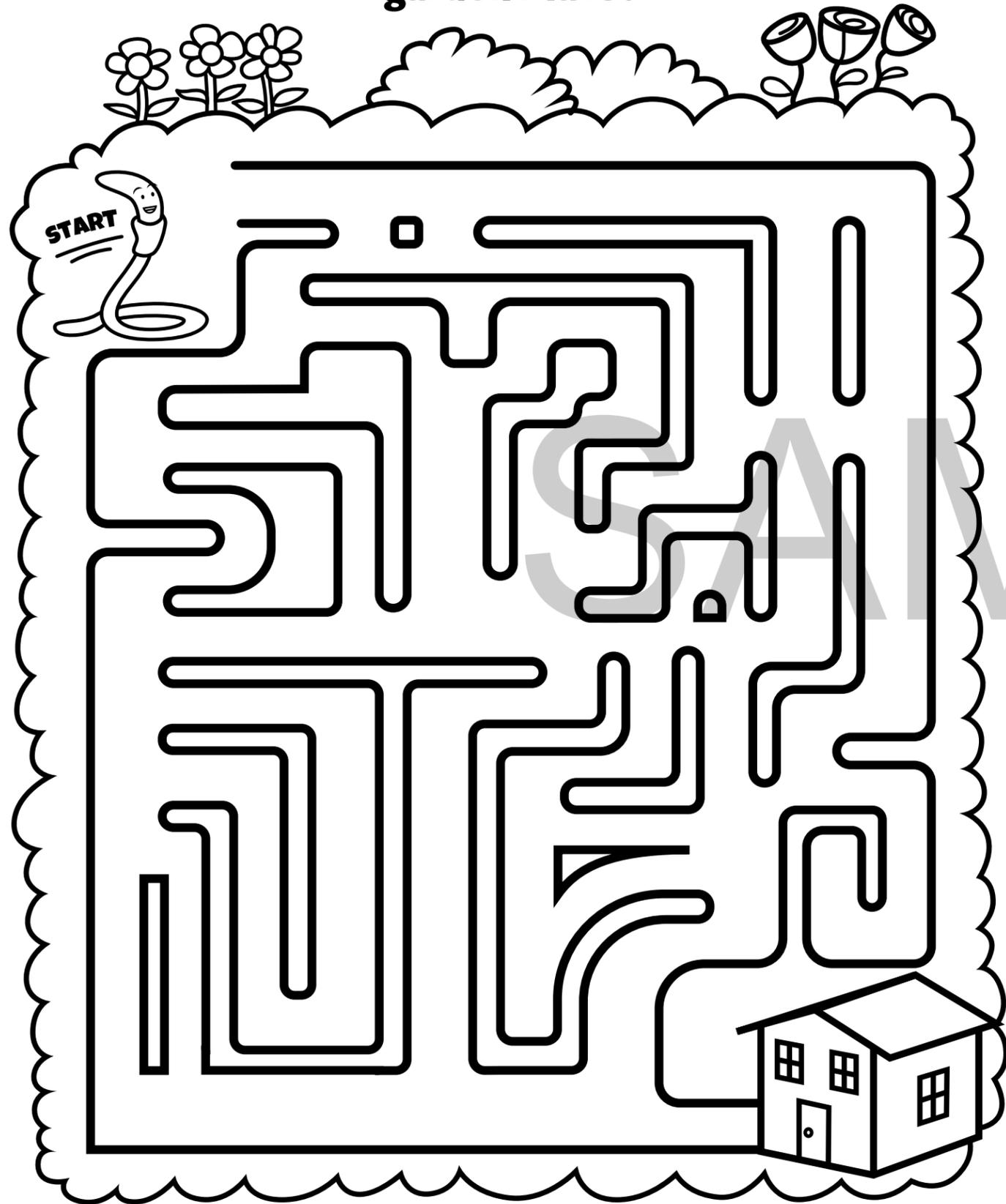
**and some are made for indoors.**



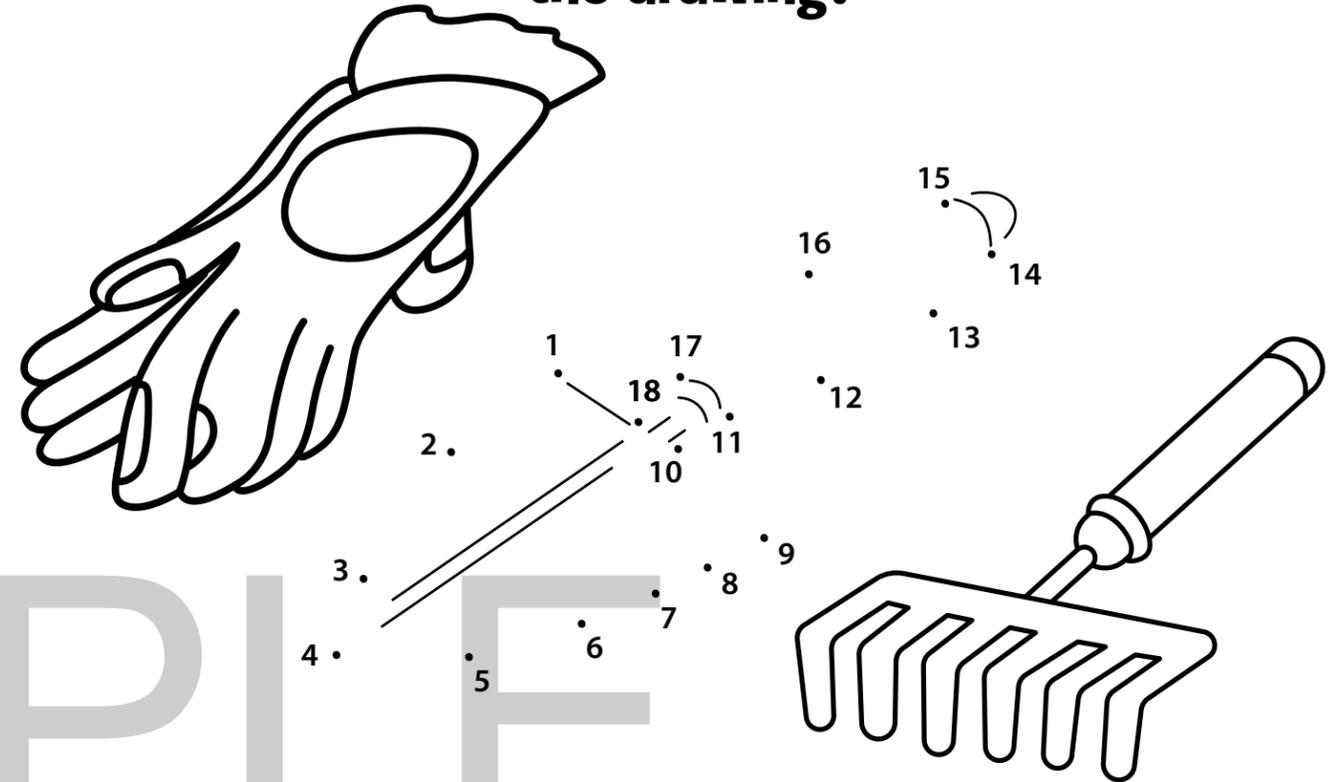
**If you can't compost at home, there are places where you can drop off your compostable materials.**



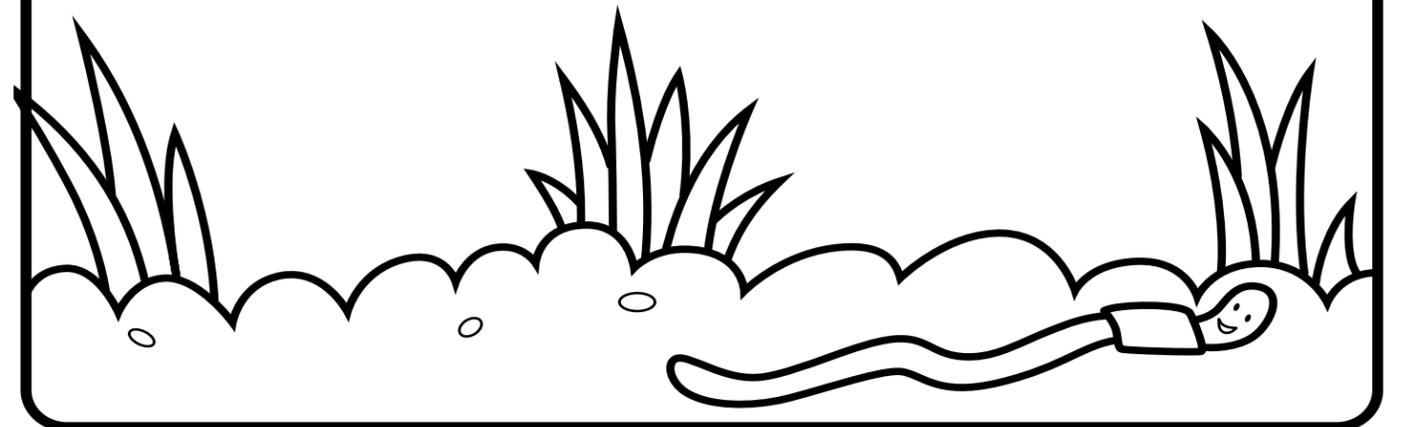
**Worms squirm around, making the soil more nutritious for plants. Can you help this worm get through this garden maze?**



**Here are some tools you might use in the garden for planting. Can you connect the dots to finish the drawing?**



**Compost makes beautiful flowers grow.  
Can you draw some flowers here?**



**Thanks for learning about composting with me.  
Let's all do our part to make less waste!**



