


Oh you know, just hangin' out with my family at home.

Luckily there are 200 mole rats in my family and my home is 2.5 miles long.




Whoa, That's a big family!

So, Marvin, we were wondering if could you send us some seeds?




Unfortunately, the naked mole rat colony's seed supply is all gone. Everyone wants to garden these days!


But don't worry. I'm sure you have plenty at home already.



No, I haven't bought any seeds yet.



Maybe, you don't have any packaged seeds but there are probably some seeds you can use in your kitchen.



Did you know that you can grow plants from a tomato slice?

Really?

Yep, ripe tomatoes are filled with seeds.

GROW YOUR OWN SEEDLINGS



from Tomato Slices

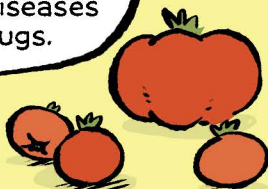
You will need:

Potting soil



Don't use dirt from outside because it doesn't drain well and could contain diseases or harmful bugs.

Ripe tomatoes.



Small containers with drainage holes.*



Step 1

Have an adult cut a ripe uncooked tomato into 1/4 inch thick slices that contain some seeds.



Step 2

Fill a container halfway full with moist potting soil.



*see page 50 in *Maker Comics: Grow a Garden!* by Alexis Frederick-Frost to see how to make seed pots from recycled containers.

Step 3

Place one or more tomato slices on the potting soil.



Step 4

Cover the slice with a 1/4 inch of moist potting soil.

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inch of
soil



Step 5

Put the pots in a warm area near at south-facing window.

Keep the soil moist but not soggy. Water it when it starts to dry out.

After two or three weeks the seeds in the tomato slices should sprout.



You'll need to carefully replant the strongest sprouts into larger containers where they have room to grow into seedlings.

Okay!



Eventually they will grow into plants you can put in the garden this summer!

Thanks, Marvin!
This is great.

No problem.
Be safe and have fun!

