Matching Game

Matching plants to food game.

1+ players



This game consists of cards with pictures of produce at three stages of growth: Young plant, Mature plant, and Harvested food read for consumption. The purpose of this game is to teach and encourage food production. Understanding where our food comes from is important for several reasons:

- 1. Health: Knowing where our food comes from allows us to make informed choices about what we eat, which can have a significant impact on our health. For example, if we know that a certain type of food is grown using harmful chemicals, we can choose to avoid it or look for alternatives.
- 2. Environmental Impact: Agriculture has a significant impact on the environment, including the use of water resources, soil health, greenhouse gas emissions, and biodiversity. Understanding where our food comes from allows us to make choices that are more environmentally sustainable.
- 3. Supporting Local Economies: Buying locally grown or produced food supports local farmers and producers, which helps to build and sustain local economies.
- 4. Food Security: Understanding where our food comes from is important for ensuring food security. Knowing where our food is produced and how it is transported allows us to anticipate and plan for potential disruptions to the food supply chain, such as natural disasters or other emergencies.

Overall, understanding where our food comes from is important for making informed choices about what we eat, promoting environmental sustainability, supporting local economies, and ensuring food security. As Gardeners, it's <u>also</u> important to identity young plants so that you do not accidently pick them when weeding. *Hand weeding remains the most effective organic weed control at small scale*.

Instructions.

• If cards are not yet printed: Print this file in color double sided, <u>ensuring to flip on the short edge</u> (ideally laminated or on card stock paper). Cut along lines to create cards.

Flip cards face up. Mix them and have the first player make a pair. If they correctly match a pair, they go again, attempting to find the third matching card to complete the set. If they match the complete set correctly, they gain another turn.

If a player fails to make a match, the next player begins their turn. They can either attempt to complete the set of an already matched pair OR find two other cards that match. Play continues until all matches are made. The winner is the player with the most cards at the end of the game.

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