

Using space well

Make the most of precious growing space with simple tricks

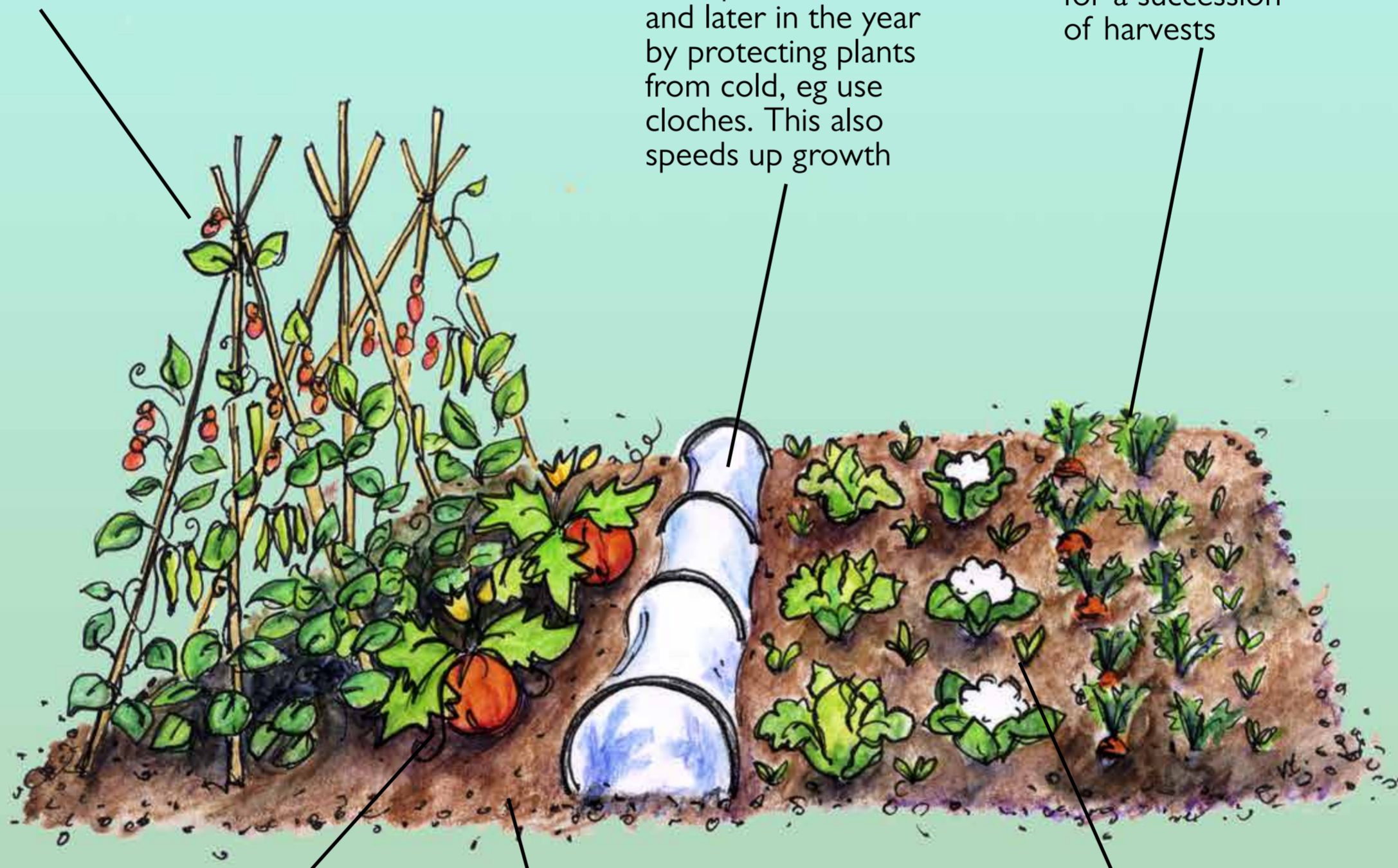
Golden rules

- Grow all year round
- Plan to fill your space
- Use space between crops
- Position paths for optimum growing

Use vertical space, eg simple wigwams for peas and beans and a wall or fence for 'espalier' apple trees

Use space earlier and later in the year by protecting plants from cold, eg use cloches. This also speeds up growth

Sow less seed, more often, eg sow carrots every three weeks from March to June for a succession of harvests



Use space around the base of taller plants, eg low growing pumpkins around beans

Sow fast growing crops such as lettuce in bare soil between harvests. Can also sow 'green manure' plants such as crimson clover to protect/improve soil structure

Sow quick maturing crops between slower growing plants, eg salads and radish between rows of cabbage

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Further information

Booklets: Bronze, Silver and Gold

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