

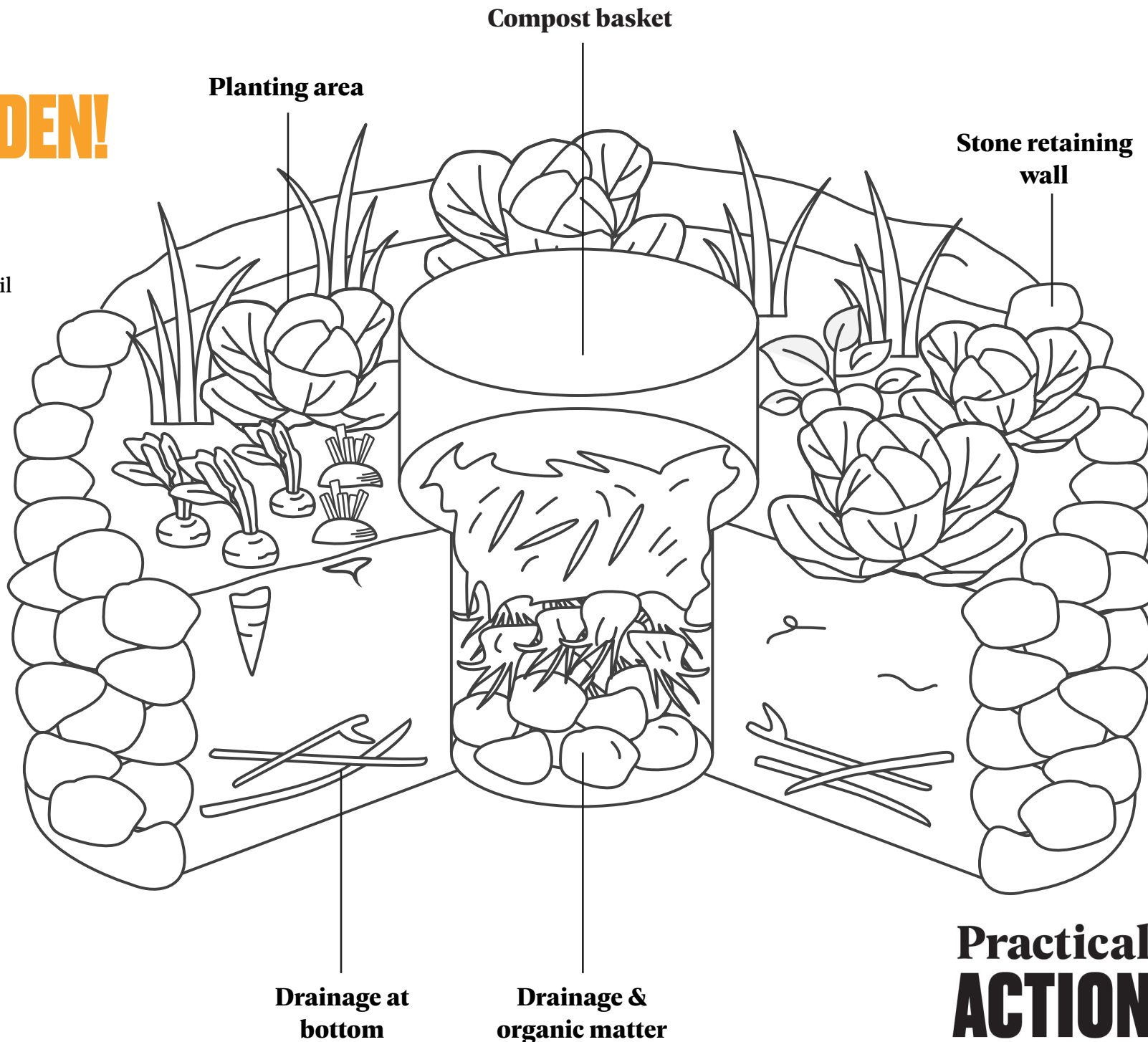
# COLOUR IN A KEYHOLE GARDEN!

Keyhole gardens, which are popular with smallholder farmers in Zimbabwe, are a sustainable way to grow vegetables. They can improve soil conditions and are ideal for regions with unpredictable weather patterns (like here in the UK!)

Keyhole gardens retain moisture and supply nutrients to surrounding plants in just a six-foot round plot. If you have space in your garden, why not build your own?

## Here's how to create your keyhole garden at home:

1. Plot the area for the garden's bed – 3 feet all round from your centre point
2. Construct side walls from bricks, logs and stones
3. Build composting basket – wire, bamboo stakes or hard-wearing cloth work well
4. Secure the basket, making sure it keeps shape
5. Fill the basket, using about 18 inches of good quality soil (the rest can be compost)
6. Add plants to your new keyhole garden – and remember to water!



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