

## Fantastic faces

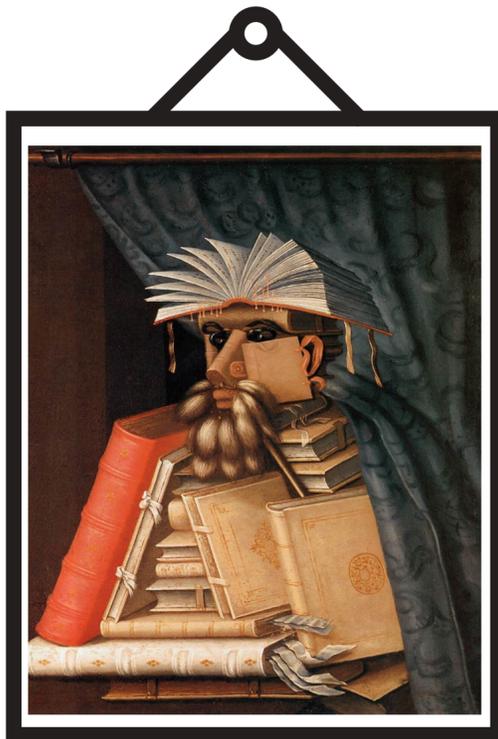
# Giuseppe Arcimboldo

**1526-1593**

Giuseppe Arcimboldo was an Italian artist that lived and worked in the Czech Republic for most of his adult life. He was considered very talented and was employed by the King to work in the Royal court creating artwork for buildings and designing fancy costumes for the family. Most of his official artwork was of religious scenes but, he is most famous for his series of portraits made up of things. Called **Composition heads**, Giuseppe Arcimboldo created paintings that looked like real people but were made up of flowers, food, books, plates and many other items.



*Vertumnus*



*The librarian*



*The waiter*

### Discuss

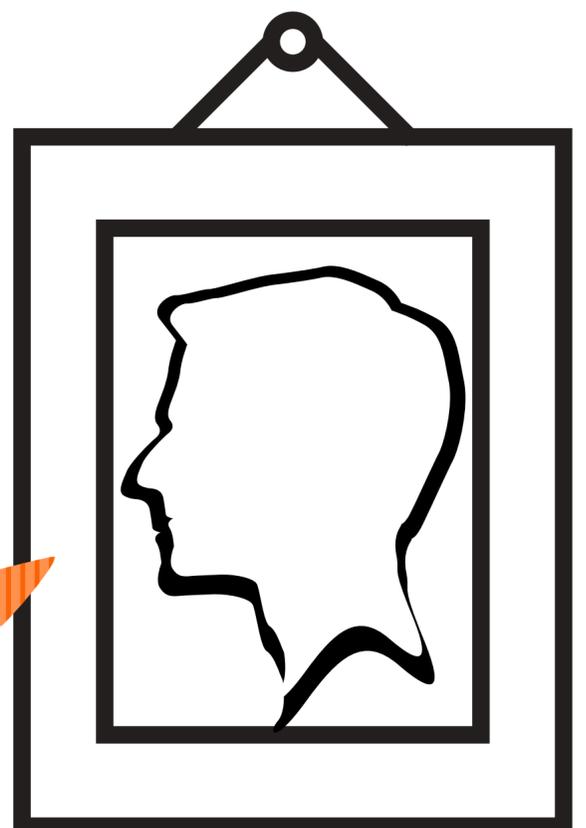
Look closely at the pictures above. which painting is your favourite? Why?



This painting is called 'Spring' it is part of a set that Arcimboldo painted of the four seasons.

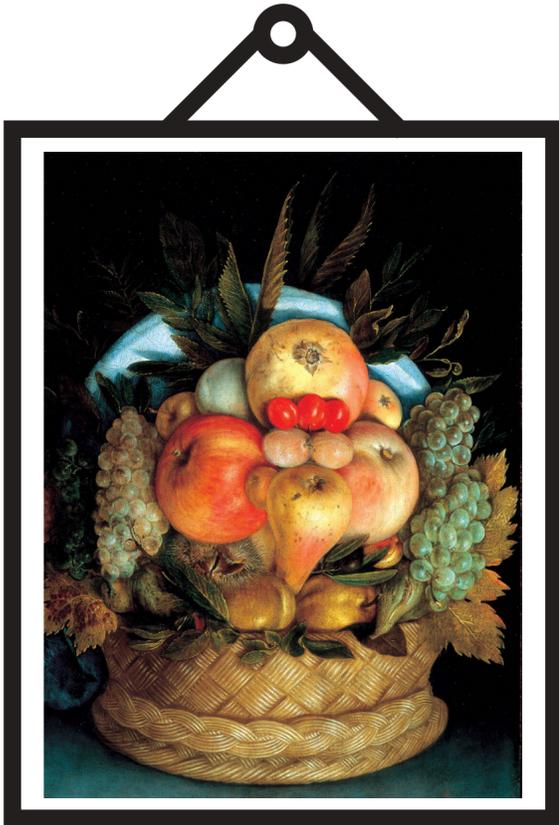
Notice how the man is made up entirely of flowers and plants, these are natural things that represent Spring.

**Fill the head with natural things that you think represent Winter.**



Look at the three pictures below. What can you see?

Now, turn your page upside down.



*The Fruit Basket*



*The Cook*

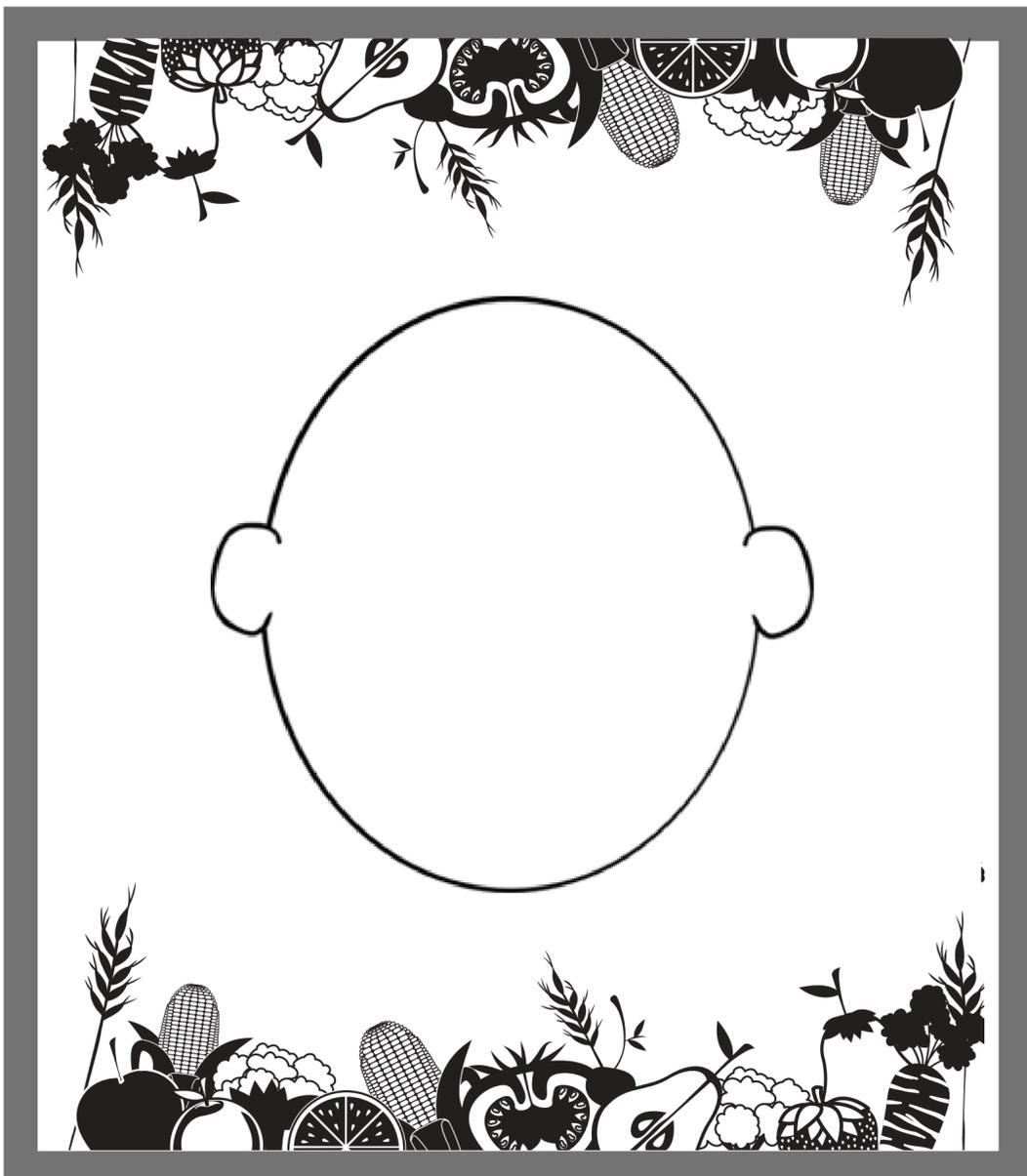


*The Gardener*

In the 16th Century people liked all types of riddles and puzzles and so, reversible pictures were very fashionable. Only three paintings in this style are known to have been created by Giuseppe Arcimboldo, there may have been more but, over time many of his paintings have been lost.

## Discuss

Do you think these reversible paintings were difficult to create? Why?



You are going to create your own collage portrait made up of fruit and vegetables.

**In the box opposite sketch your ideas.**

**What could you use for eyes? Will your portrait have hair?**

**Will your picture be reversible?**

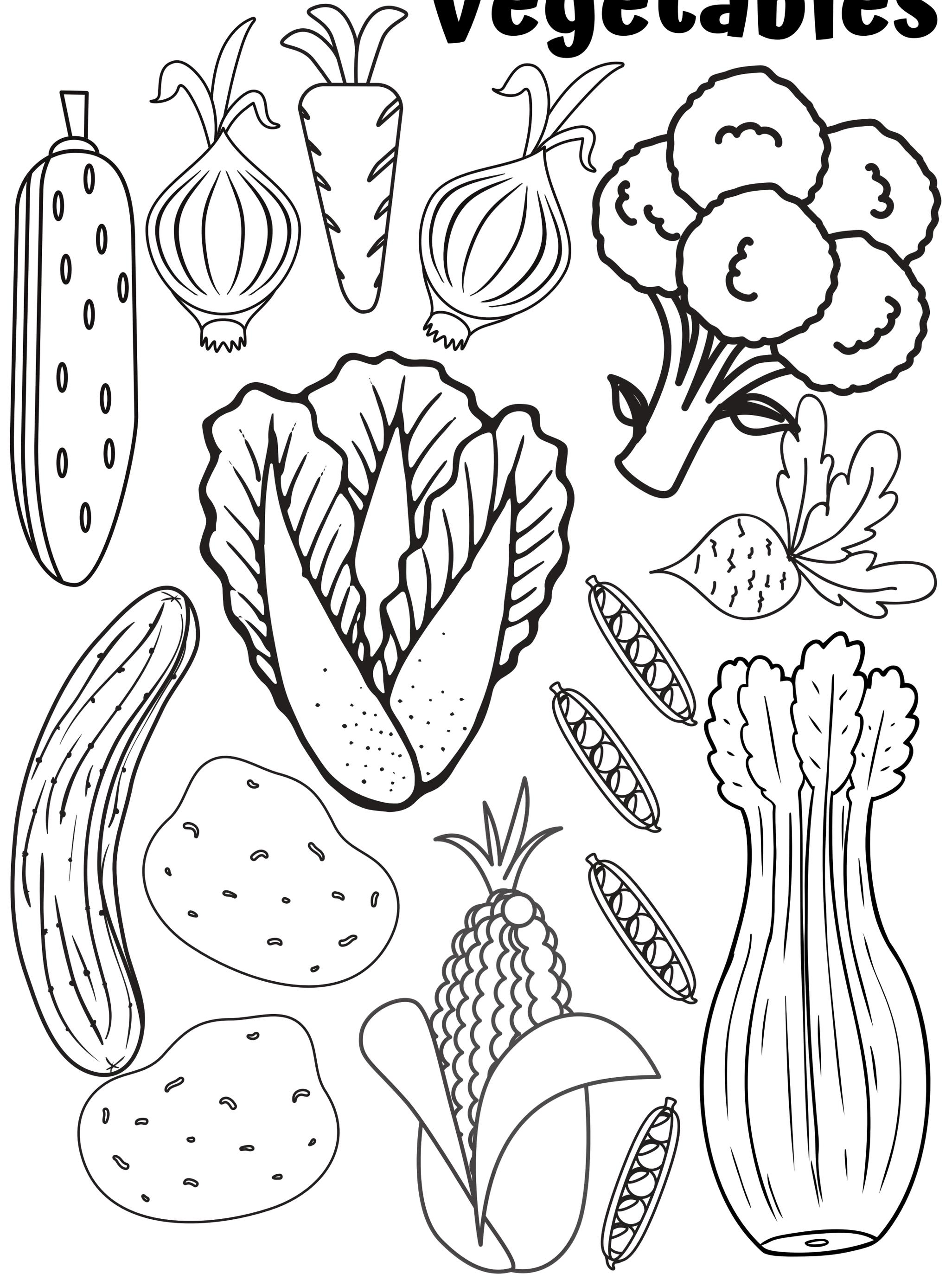


## Collage

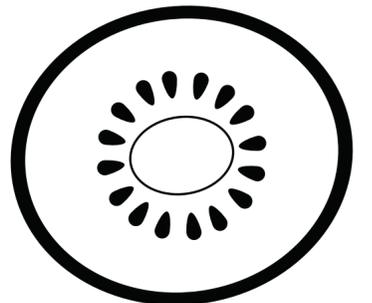
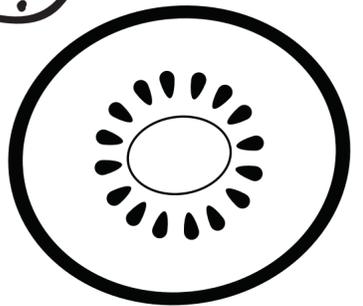
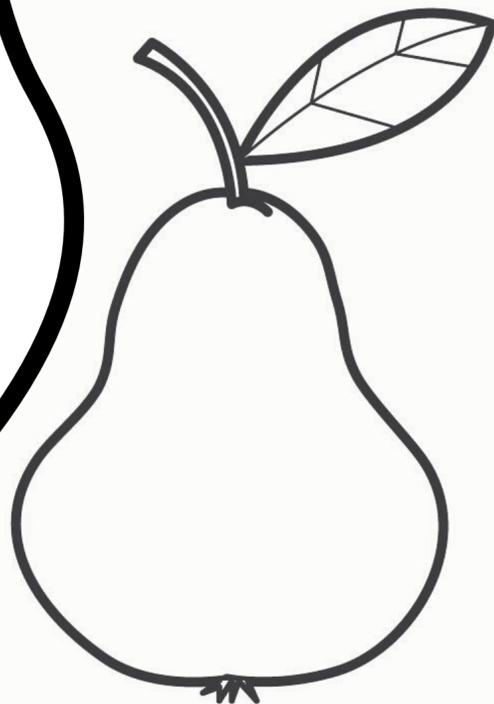
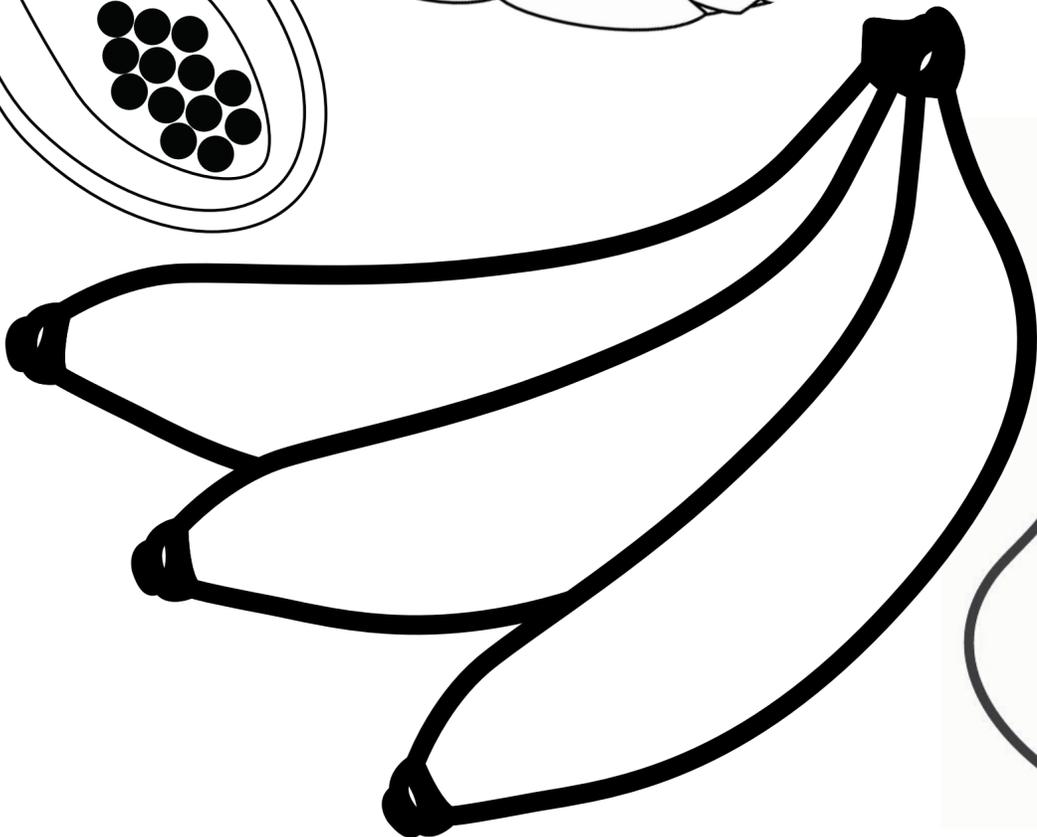
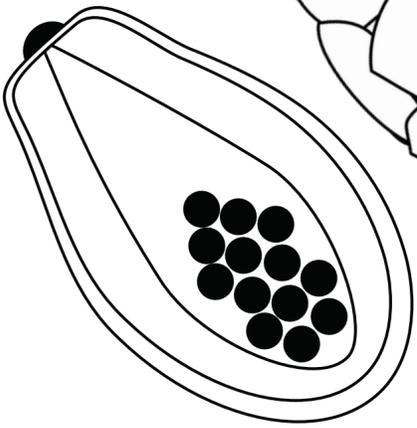
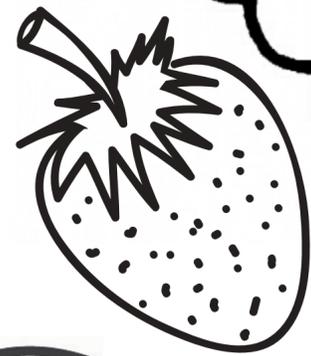
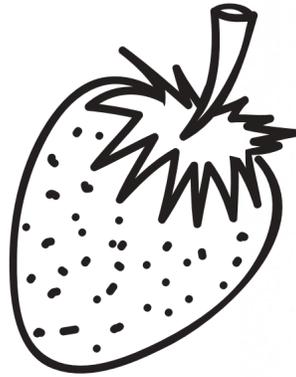
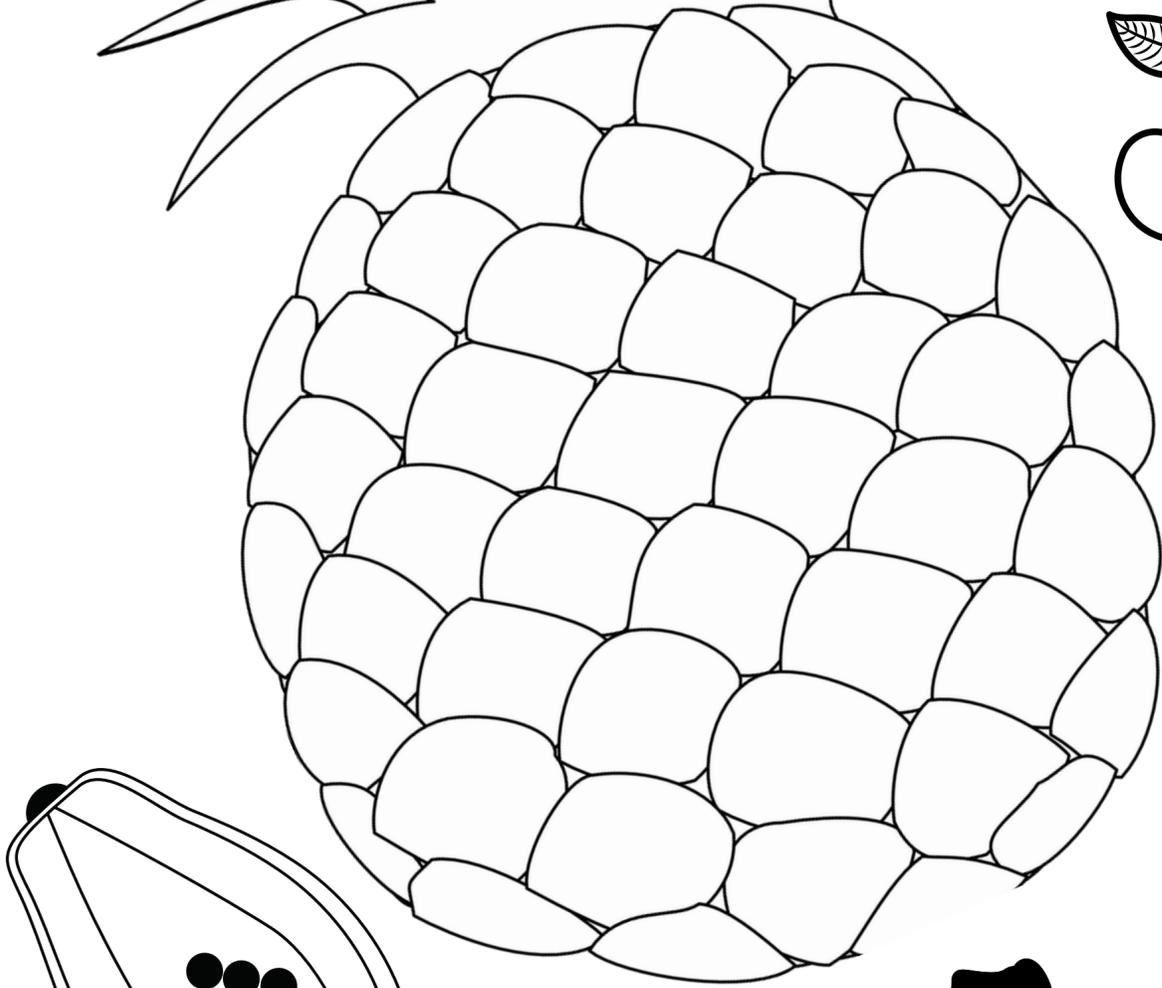
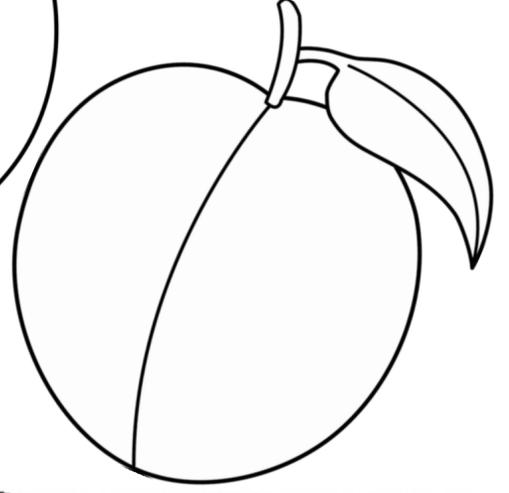
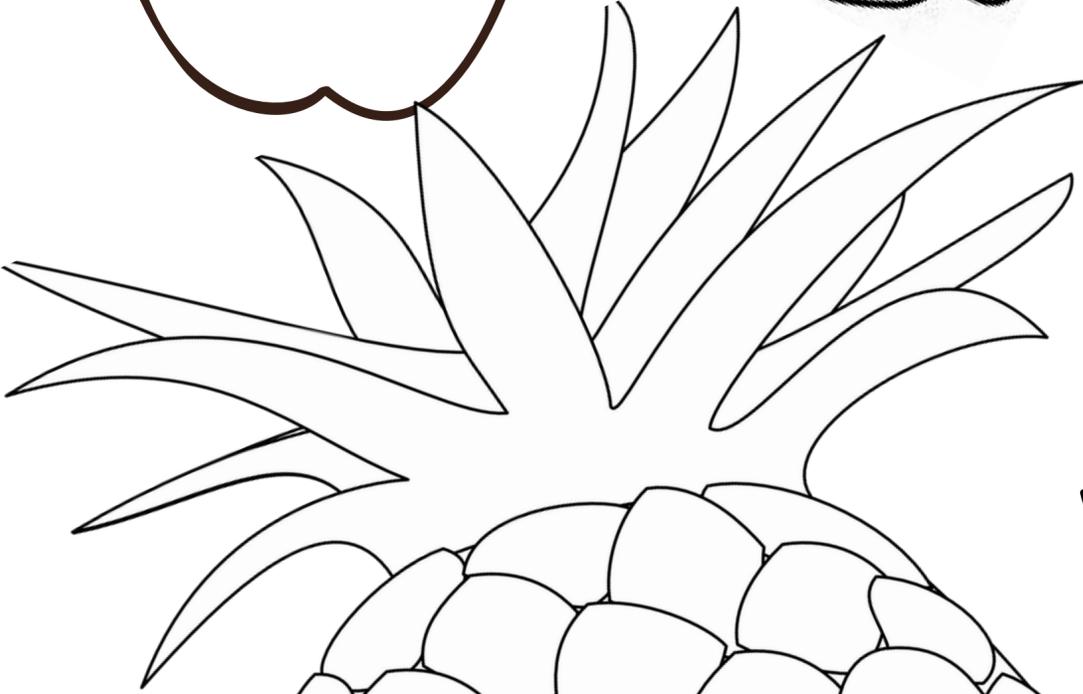
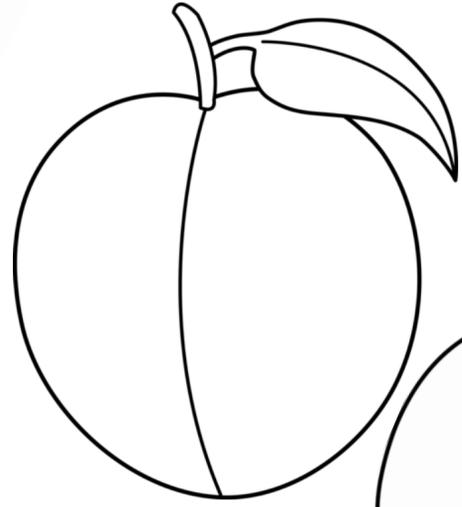
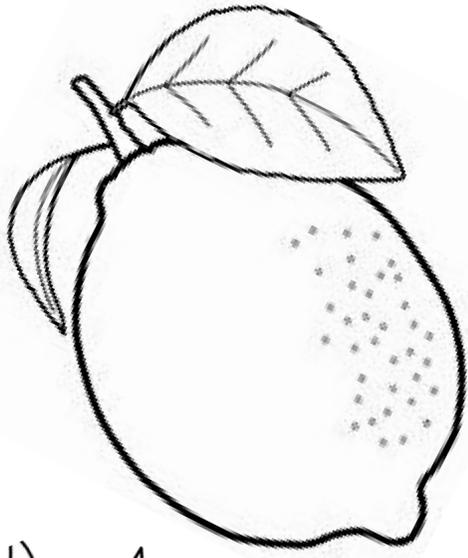
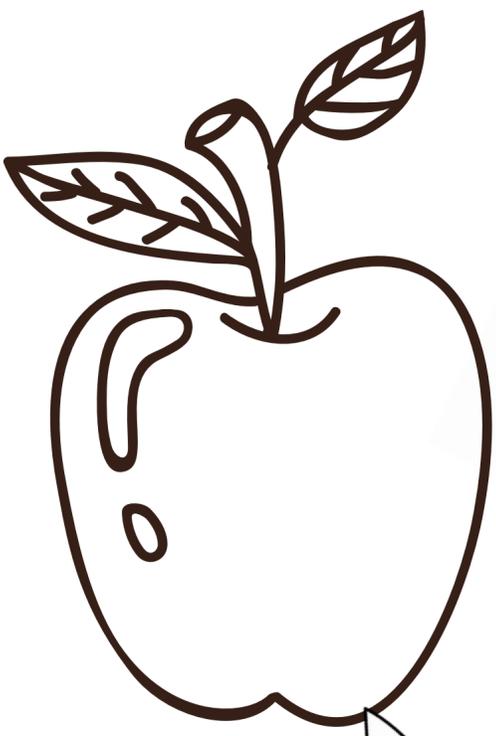
Collage is an art technique that involves cutting and sticking different materials together to make one big picture.

*You are going to stick pictures of fruit and vegetables together to create one big portrait.*

# Vegetables



# Fruit



- Colour your chosen fruit and vegetables.
- Cut them all out.
- Arrange them in the frame below to make a Giuseppe Arcimboldo style portrait.
- Once you are happy with how they are arranged stick them down with glue.
- Now, admire your creativity.

## Instructions

