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Do you love home grown tomatoes but don't have room for a large garden? Try container gardening - because home grown tomatoes are the best!

What you need -

1. **Plants** - Buy plants from your local gardening store. Decide if you want large slicing tomatoes (like big boy) or smaller ones for salads (like cherry or roma). Plant them after your last frost.
2. **Large Container** - Buy one that is 18-24" wide. The plastic ones will hold moisture so you don't have to water as often. They are also very light. There are some great self watering containers out there as well. I know Home Depot has them.
3. **Soil** - Look for soil that is good for veggies. Miracle Grow has a great one.
4. **Fertilizer** - Plants should be fertilized when they are planted. Fertilize again when the fruit starts and then about every 2 weeks after that until the frost kills them. I like ORGANIC granular best because I don't run the risk of over fertilizing and killing my tomatoes.
5. **Trellis or Tomato Cage** - Tomatoes love to climb up. A trellis or cage ensures that the stems and leaves can be in the sun. They also support the weight of the fruit so make sure you buy a sturdy one.

Pick them when they are ripe and red.....or maybe when they are green (fried green tomatoes are pretty dang yummy!). Enjoy sliced, diced, or even make a sauce. Usually your crop will yield so many you can give them to your friends and neighbors.....let me know, I will be right over.

And YES, tomatoes are a fruit - who knew!