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About the Book

Linh is having a picnic in her rooftop garden for all of her friends, and she needs help searching for blueberries to finish preparing her dishes. What do we know about blueberries? They're small, blue, and grow on bushes—and, just a second, is that a blueberry? No, that's a gooseberry. Where could those blueberries be? Can you help Linh find them in time for her picnic?

Young readers can hunt for visual clues and compare and contrast the unique characteristics of blueberries against peaches, strawberries, tomatoes, and other produce that grows in Linh's rooftop garden.

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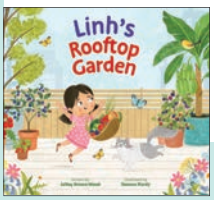

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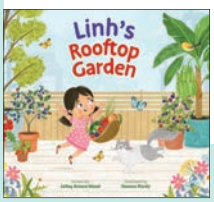
Which Produce Can You Find?

Have a scavenger hunt at your community garden or grocery store!
Can you find these warm-weather produce items? Check them off as you go.

- ☐ Blueberries
- ☐ Tomatoes
- ☐ Gooseberries
- ☐ Raspberries
- ☐ Blackberries
- ☐ Bananas
- ☐ Onion
- ☐ Peach
- ☐ Broccoli
- ☐ Strawberries



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Produce Matching Game

Each fruit and vegetable has unique characteristics. To help Linh identify produce in her rooftop garden, draw a line from the name to the correct picture.

Strawberries

Tomatoes

Gooseberries

Blueberries

Peach

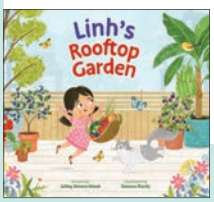
Bananas

Broccoli

Blackberries

Onion

Raspberries



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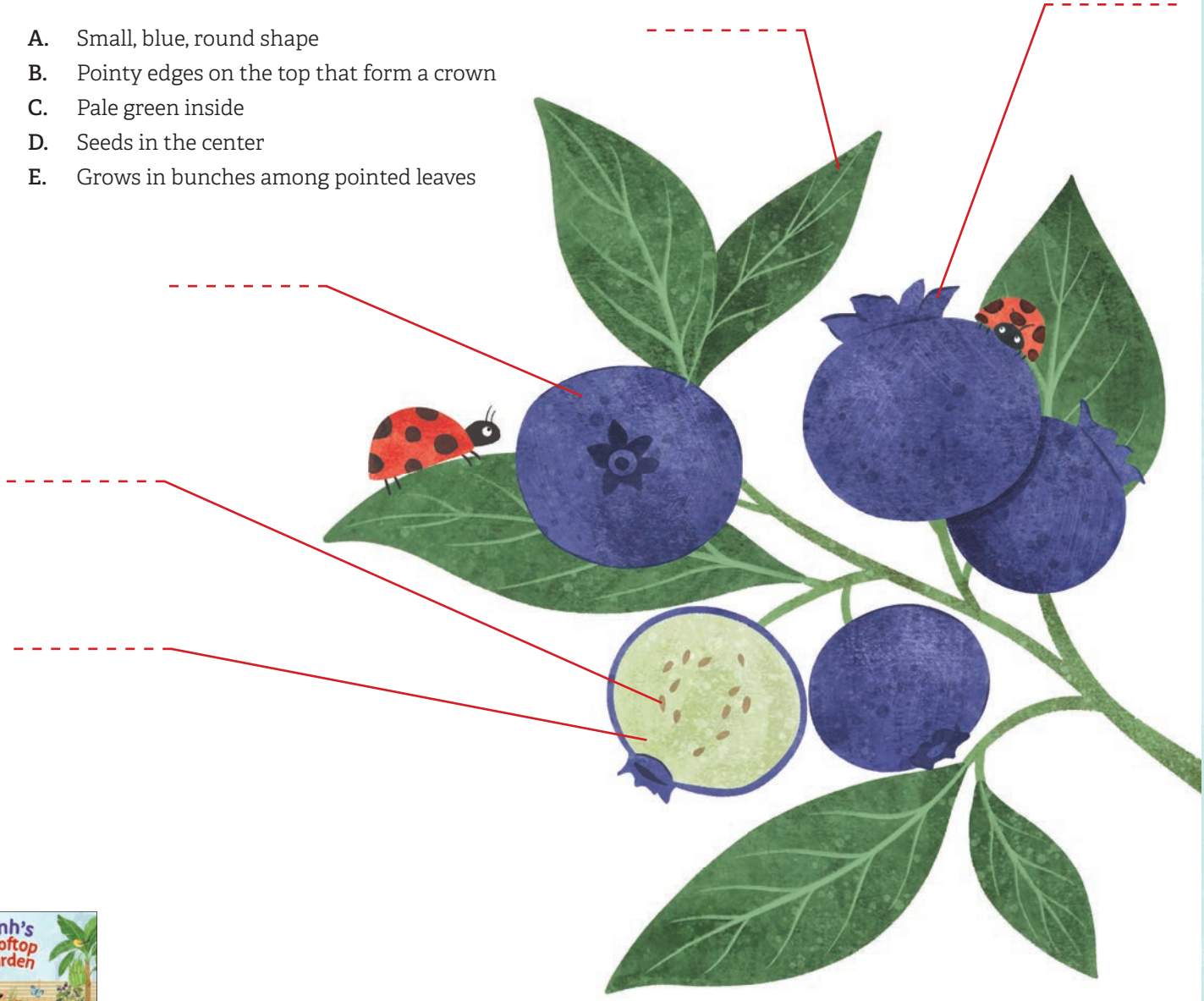
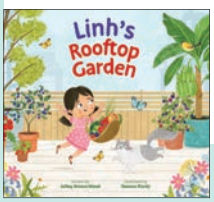
What Do We Know About Blueberries?

Using the image below, identify the different parts of the blueberry.
Write the letter of the correct part on the blank lines.

A. Small, blue, round shape
B. Pointy edges on the top that form a crown
C. Pale green inside
D. Seeds in the center
E. Grows in bunches among pointed leaves





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Blueberry and Banana Pancakes Recipe

2–4 Servings

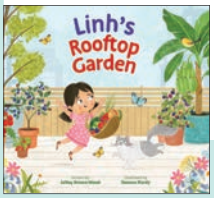
Ingredients

- 2 ripe bananas
- 1/2 cup blueberries
- 1/4 tsp cinnamon
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup uncooked instant oats
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Pinch of salt
- Butter or cooking spray (optional)
- Pancake syrup
- Chopped pecans

You'll also need: 1 trusty adult helper

Directions

1. Wash all your produce in warm water.
2. Crack eggs into separate bowl and set aside for later.
3. Snap off the top of your bananas and peel them, then put them into a bowl.
4. Mash bananas until they are nice and smooth.
5. Measure out the vanilla and cinnamon and add each ingredient to the mashed bananas, stirring thoroughly. Then, add a pinch of salt.
6. Mix in the previously cracked eggs.
7. Add instant oats and stir until oats are fully moistened.
8. Carefully fold in the blueberries using a wooden spoon or plastic spatula.
9. After the batter is prepared, ask your adult helper to heat a griddle or skillet to medium heat.
10. Have adult helper add a little butter or cooking spray and scoop out ¼ cup of batter, then smooth out batter with spatula so it is even.
11. With the help of your adult, cook the pancake for 2–3 minutes and when you see bubbles, flip it to cook the other side for about 1–2 minutes more. Remove from pan and set aside. Repeat steps 10–11 until all batter is used.
12. Stack desired number of pancakes on dish, then top with syrup and chopped pecans.
13. Enjoy!



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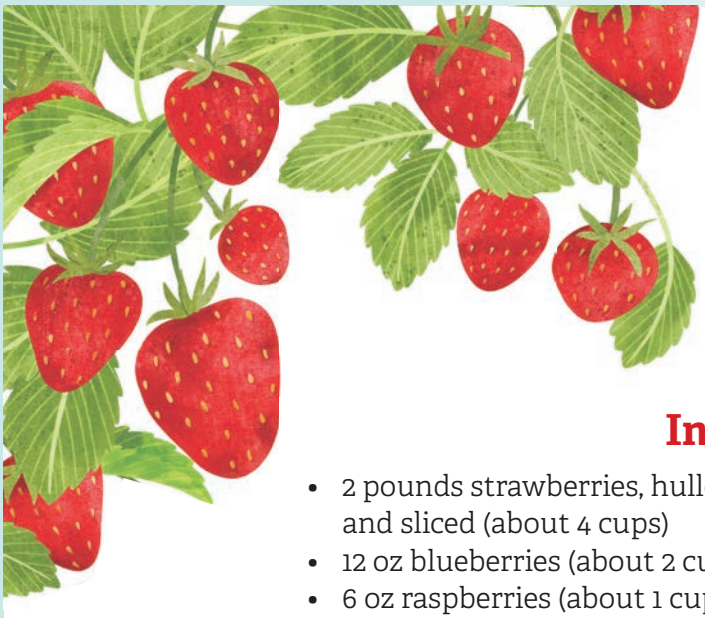
Berry Fruit Salad Recipe



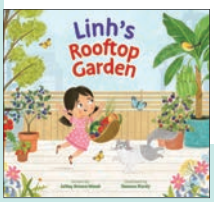
Ingredients

- 2 pounds strawberries, hulled and sliced (about 4 cups)
- 12 oz blueberries (about 2 cups)
- 6 oz raspberries (about 1 cup)
- 6 oz blackberries (about 1 cup)
- ¼ cup honey
- Zest of 1 lime
- 3 tbsps lime juice

You'll also need: 1 trusty adult helper

Directions

1. Gently wash and dry berries. Add all the fruit to a large bowl.
2. In a separate small bowl, add honey, lime zest, and lime juice, and mix together.
3. Add honey and lime mixture to the large bowl with fruit, and gently stir until all the fruit is coated.
4. Refrigerate until ready to serve.



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Blueberry Jam Recipe

Ingredients

- 4 cups blueberries
- ⅓ cup maple syrup
- Juice from one lemon

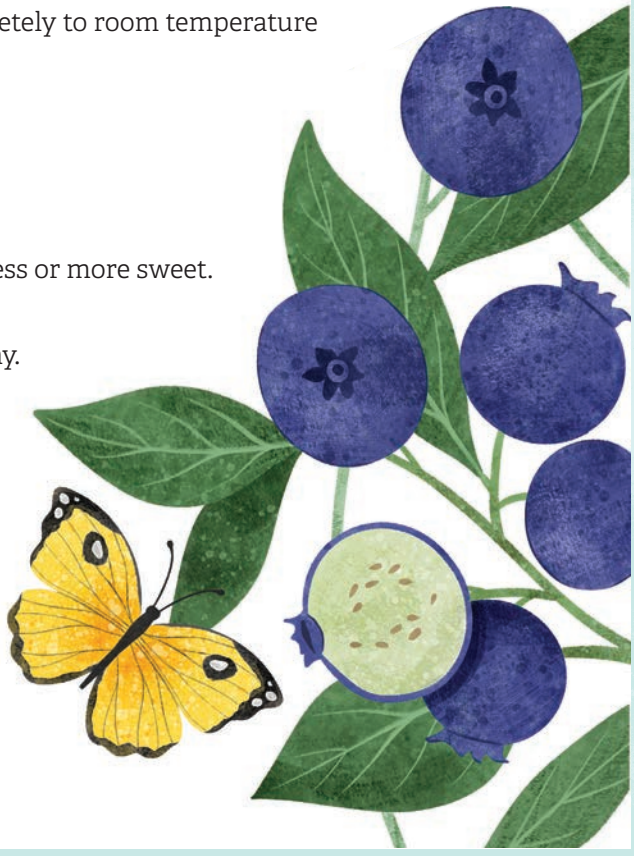
You'll also need: 1 trusty adult helper

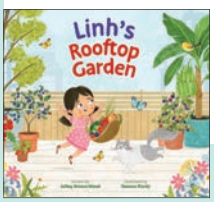
Directions

1. Wash and drain blueberries.
2. With the help of an adult, add blueberries, maple syrup, and lemon juice to a medium pot and bring to a boil over medium heat.
3. Using a potato masher or spatula, roughly mash the blueberries.
4. Reduce to simmer and cook for approximately 30 minutes or until mixture reaches 210˚F.
5. Have your adult helper transfer jam to a jar and let cool completely to room temperature before securing lid.
6. Keep in the refrigerator or freeze.

Notes

- Adjust the maple syrup based on whether you want your jam less or more sweet.
- Jam in the refrigerator will last 2–3 months.
- Freeze the jam in a sealed jar if you will not be using it right away.





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DIY Berry Paint

Produce can be used for more than eating! Use leftover berries to make your own paint!

What You'll Need

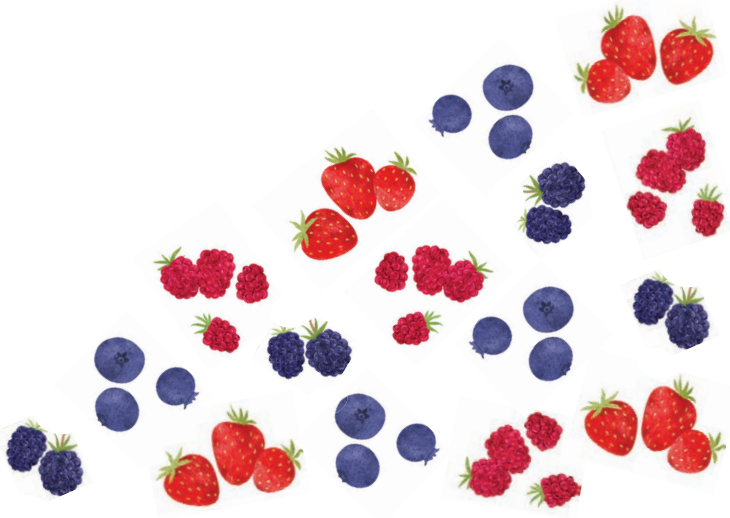
- Bowls
- A variety of berries (blueberries, strawberries, blackberries)
- A sieve
- Water
- Paintbrushes

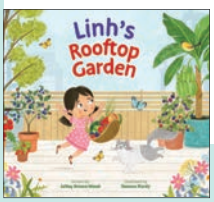
Directions

1. With the help of an adult, push berries or other soft fruit through a sieve into a bowl to extract your pigment. Each berry type should go in a separate bowl.
2. Mix with just a small splash of water.
3. Once it's the right consistency, you're ready to paint!

Notes

- Start out using one type of berry at a time so you can test out the different colors each berry creates.
- Try other soft fruits, like peaches, or other produce, like onions.
- Be careful when mixing, as some berries could stain clothing.





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