

Critter Crew: Rabbit is Right – A tale of teamwork

- 1, 2. It was a beautiful day, and all of the critter friends were playing together in the Friendship Forest.
- 3,4. It was an ideal time to start a garden. Rabbit jumps up on a stump and announces her plan for a perfect garden.
5. Rabbit explains she has researched the right plants for the season.
6. She has sampled and found the yummiest crops to grow.
7. She has read gardening books and found the easiest seeds to grow.
8. She has watched where the sun shines and found the ideal place for their garden plot.
9. The critters are very excited to start a garden together, and they start raising their hands with ideas.
10. Sloth swings with excitement and says; "We should grow apples!" Rabbit ignores him and continues with her perfect plan. Fun fact: apples are ripest in the fall.
11. Beaver slaps his tail with excitement and shouts; "We should plant a Birch tree!" Rabbit ignores him and continues with her perfect plan. Fun fact: Birch trees do not produce fruit.
12. Hedgehog bounces up and down with excitement and squeaks: "We should grow peanuts!" Rabbit ignores her and continues with her perfect plan. Fun fact: Peanuts can take up to 160 days to grow.
13. Skunk fluffs her tail with excitement and cheers; "Lets plant by the river in the wonderful shade!" Rabbit ignores her and continues with her perfect plan. Fun fact: vegetable garden plants need 7-8 hours of full sunlight.
14. The friends feel sad that Rabbit is not listening to their ideas. As Rabbit is still telling them the right way to plant the garden, the critters start to wander off.
- 15,16. Rabbit pauses from explaining her plan and looks around to find that all of her friends have disappeared.
17. Rabbit is right. She has a perfect plan. But she needs something more than to be right. Rabbit needs teamwork
18. The gentle voice of the wise old tree whispers: "You can only accomplish so much alone, but with teamwork the possibilities are endless."
- 19,20. Rabbit finds her friends for a team meeting. Together, they gather their ideas and decide what is right for THEIR garden.
21. Together, all of the friends choose their favorite plants to add to the garden
22. The friends get excited, and all spread out to scout for all the seeds that are needed
23. Together, all of the friends vote on a location for their garden.
24. The friends get excited, and carry over buckets of water and dig rows to plant in.
- 25,26. Each critter chooses where to plant their favorite crops.
- 27,28. Over the next three months, each and every one of the critters spends time in the garden, watering and taking care of all the plants. Their hard work pays off as they watch THEIR garden grow.
- 29, 30. Its true; Rabbit was right. Her plan was perfect. But it was only the perfect garden for her. Now, it is a perfect garden for all of them.
- 31,32. Tips for a Teamwork Garden:
To start a garden, some of the easiest plants for first time gardeners to grow are beans, peas, tomatoes, lettuce, and sunflowers. They need 6-8 hours of sunshine and should be watered 2-3 times per week. Some crops can be regrown from kitchen scraps, such as:

lettuce, celery, green onions, and pineapples. For a vegetable garden plan, visit the website.

Activity Kits: Available on website for free.

Option: Count the poison dart frogs which are hidden among the pages. Can you find one yellow frog, two red frogs, three blue frogs, and four green frogs?