HOW TO grow your own tomatoes

1. Choose an easy-to-grow variety, such as cherry tomatoes. Seeds are cheap and can be found online or at home and garden stores.

2. Find a large container. A plastic 5-gallon bucket works great if you add drainage holes.

3. Fill about ¾ of the bucket with soil. Poke ¼-inch holes with your finger and put 3–4 seeds into each hole. Thin out the seedlings as they grow.

4. Water the soil often enough to keep it evenly moist, and make sure the bucket is getting at least 6 hours of sunlight and warmth per day. It’s best to grow tomatoes in a sunny spot outside, or indoors in front of a big window.

5. Prop up the plants as needed. The tomatoes should be ready in 2–3 months. Enjoy them in salads, on homemade pizza, or as is!