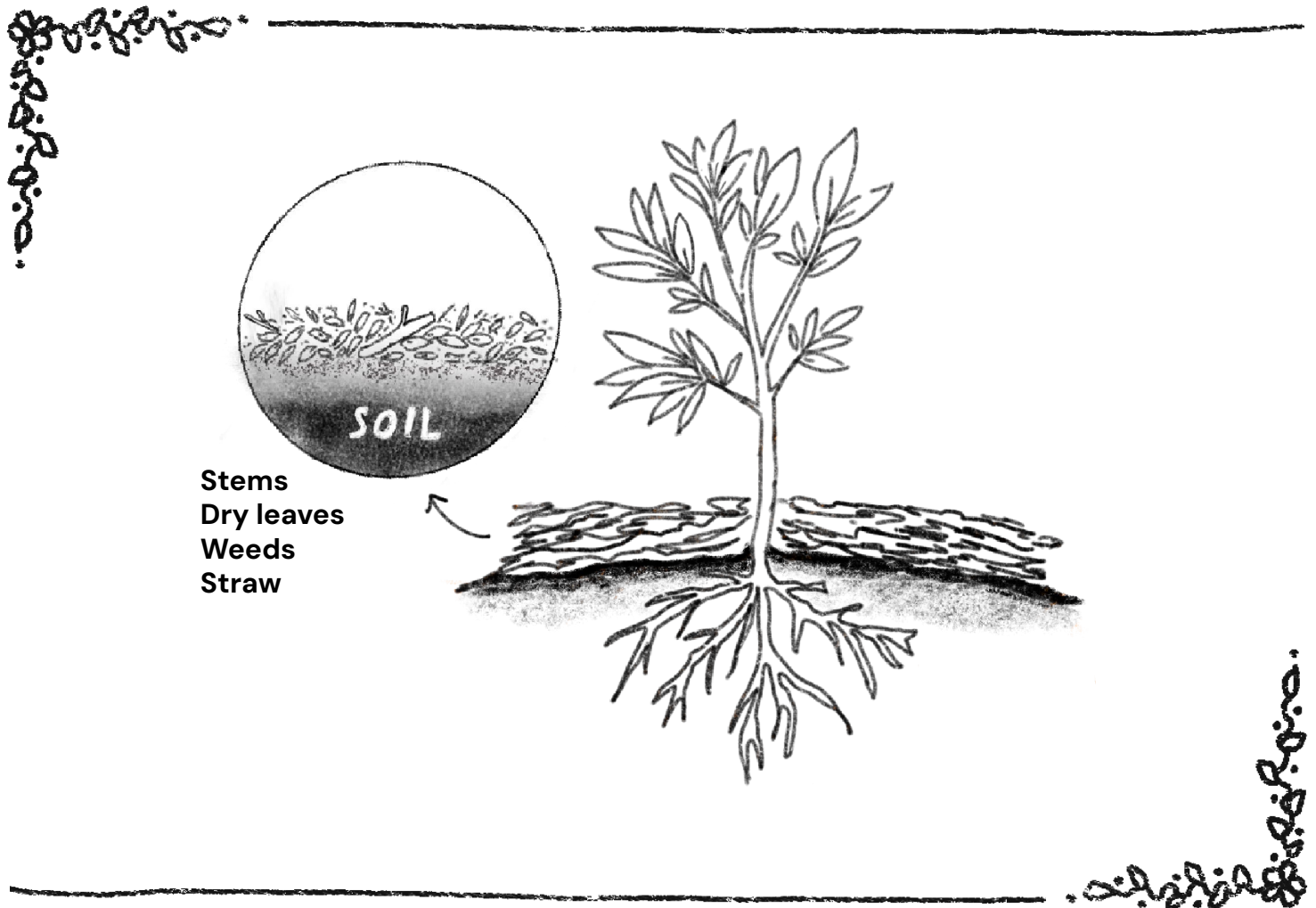


Mulching



How to prepare:

1. Collect crop remains—stems, dry leaves, straw, or weeds.
2. Pile the mixture directly on the soil surface as a thick layer (4–6 inches) and make sure to keep it loose and not packed
3. Cover the soil evenly. Let it naturally decomposes– don't remove it too soon; let it naturally break down into the soil to feed protect it

Usage:

1. Leave the mulch on the soil and let it sit, before or during the growth of plants
2. Combine with green manure –mulching after green manuring increases nutrient availability.

Why do farmers love it?

1. Keeps the soil moist for longer.
2. Prevents weeds from growing.
3. Feeds the microbes below the surface, keeping the soil healthy and alive.

Tip: Avoid covering plant crowns: Keep mulch slightly away from the base of young plants to prevent rot.