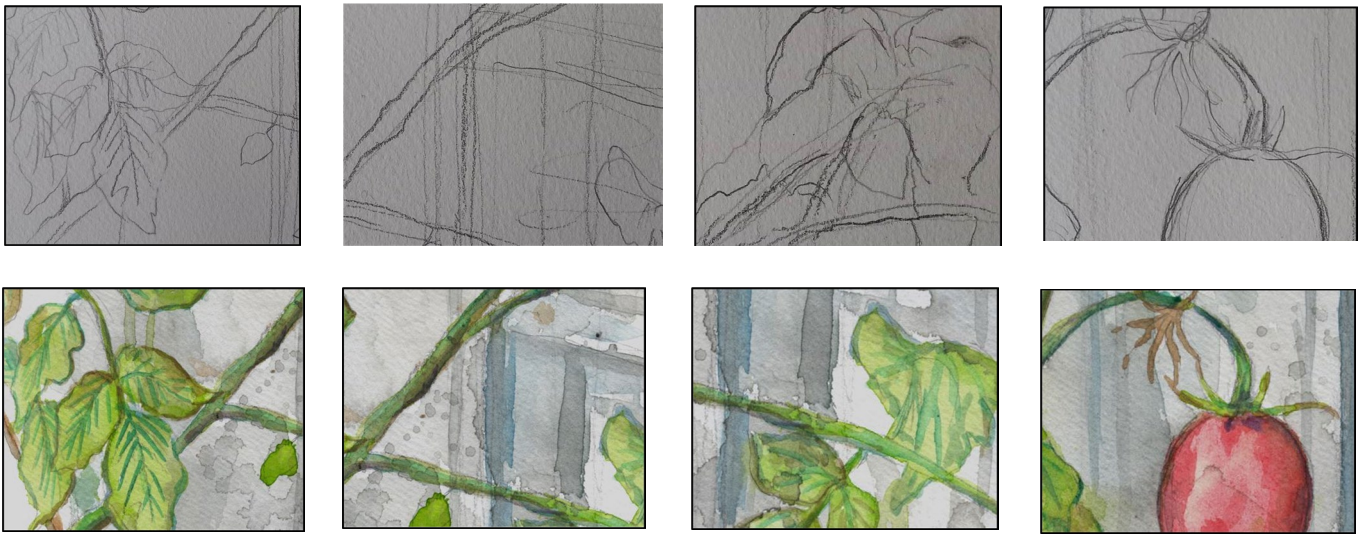


# SIGNIFICANT LIFE ACHIEVEMENTS

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*Can the growth of a small tomato qualify as an achievement in one's life?*

"A few years ago," recalls Francisco, "I decided to grow vegetables where I live. My apartment in Xalapa is on the third floor and has very few windows and no balcony. I didn't have many options, so I placed a small tomato plant in a pot outside on the ground floor by a window.

"I doted on that plant. I watered it faithfully, stayed hopeful, and waited patiently for something red to appear. Several yellow flowers appeared, and it wasn't long before several small tomatoes started to grow.

"I ended up harvesting several lovely tomatoes from that spot by the window downstairs and felt very satisfied with my efforts. My achievement—and the wonder, generosity, and perfection of God, embodied in that one perfect tomato, captured in my painting—surely qualifies as a significant achievement in my life."

*Francisco Villarreal*

58. Tomato By the Window



**PAINTING 58**

Original size: \$40 (8 x 10)

Mounting: free (11 x 14)

**Free shipping**