Fun with Fungi

This coloring book features images of cultivated mushrooms grown in the United States, produced by the American Mushroom Institute for students everywhere.
Welcome to the *Fun with Fungi* coloring book! As you move through this book you will learn about the different varieties, or types, of cultivated mushrooms in the United States. You’ll see everything from the super popular white button mushroom to the fancy and exotic Oyster and Trumpet mushrooms (hint: the Oyster mushroom doesn’t come from the ocean and the Trumpet mushroom doesn’t make a sound).

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My favorite type of cultivated mushroom is:
These are the most popular mushrooms in the United States. Do you like to eat mushrooms on your pizza? They are probably white button mushrooms!
Want to make your burger taste even better? Have your parents chop up mushrooms and add them to the burger meat! It’s delicious!
Crimini mushrooms are also called baby bellas because they are just baby portabellas.
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Portabella mushrooms are “grown up” criminiis.
The caps can grow to be as big around as a dinner plate.
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The American Mushroom Institute is a national voluntary trade association representing the growers, processors and marketers of cultivated mushrooms in the United States and industry suppliers worldwide.