

Accent Your Décor with a Beautiful Succulent Centerpiece

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I want to create my very own Succulent Centerpiece. What supplies do I need to begin?

- Container
- Green Moss, gravel, etc.
- Potting Soil (I prefer Black Gold – Organic)
- 12 in Planting Tweezer Tool
- Hardy Succulents (I prefer Sedum and Sempervivum)

When gathering my supplies, what should I consider?

- What type of container do I want?
 - How about upcycling something
 - A local donation center or Habitat Rehab Center is a great start.
 - Check out things in your own or a friend's barn, garage, attic, or craft room.
 - Is there something just around the house?
 - Planters or other small flower vases
 - Maybe something to use just for the special occasion or event (crystal bowl or ?)
- Where do I want to display my centerpiece?
 - Is there a specific item or area you are looking to accent?
 - Is it for a special event, the dining table at a festive meal or the wow factor?
 - Is it for the outdoor patio table or gift?

With my container and location chosen, what do I do next?

- Plant choice: Do I want?
 - Upright
 - Trailing
 - Flowering
 - Clumping
 - Seasonal and lighting changes
 - Unique textures
 - Fast vs. slow growing
 - For indoor, outdoor, or event
- Preparing your container
 - If possible, put a hole into the bottom of your container, to allow optimal drainage
 - Using a drill or punch, go from the bottom towards the inside the planter, for a smoother finish on the outside of your container.
 - No hole planting technique, is to add a small amount of gravel in the bottom, before soil
 - Adding gravel will help accommodate for not having drainage and allow roots to dry out between watering.

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Planting your Succulent Centerpiece, in 4 easy steps.

With my plants selected, what are my 4 steps to success?


1. Begin pairing plants together according to your preference on
 - a. Height and texture
 - b. What looks nice together
 - c. What will trail or grow taller
2. Start planting using several full established plants to build a base design and general shape
 - a. Plant succulents like other plants, feel free to pack tightly.
3. Use rooted cuttings or propagated pieces to fill in and shape centerpiece.
 - a. Using a planting tool at this point makes it much easier to work with smaller pieces.
4. Top off soil with small gravel or other decorative soil toppings. Green moss may also be used.

My masterpiece is finished, now what?

- Give your centerpiece a good drink and let drain.
 - Why ... the roots are thirsty and prefer to dry out between watering
- Ensure the container is not holding water
 - Bottom of the container can drain
 - Watering is controlled and soil can dry out.
- Place in your desired location and enjoy

What are some Sedum Chicks tips for continued success?

- As your plants grow
 - Pinch and trim year-round to keep your desired look
 - Pinching and trimming will keep a fuller more consistent look
 - Before cold and wet seasons,
 - Give it a tight haircut
 - Ensure good drainage
- Plants could look different
 - Succulents have season color and texture changes. Older plants and weather conditions can create unique changes throughout the season.
 - Don't worry hardy succulents handle seasonal stress quite well.
- Succulents that are indoors may grow faster, taller, and/or towards the window.
 - Try rotating the planter
 - Keep them pinched and trimmed
 - Give them an outdoor vacation and a break from growing.

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I hope you enjoy creating your next
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