

Decorating with Succulents

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SHAPE UP

Many-angled terrariums make cozy (not to mention trendy as all get out) digs for our sleek succulent picks. Here's the secret to underplaying the faux factor: real soil in the bottom of the containers.

TIP:

These planters aren't watertight, so stick to artificial plant life for this look.





SQUARE DEAL

Want to state your greenscene sense of style from the moment your peeps enter your abode? We suggest a succulent packed grapevine wreath, personalized with a moss-covered chipboard monogram-you'll need a glue gun and some floral wire to pull it together. Our trick for an extra-lush design: Begin with a layer of lace ferns.



SO JAR, SO GOOD

When it comes to succulent container gardens, it's more than okay to think outside the pot-especially when you're going faux. Apothecary jars can double as elegant tabletop terrariums. And a basic shadow box can become a paradise under glass (instructions next page).

GREEN SCENE

Here's a thought: Turn a shadow box into a terrarium. It's not as crazy as it sounds. In fact, it's a surprisingly chic way to display our faux succulent picks. Just follow our step-by-step instructions to try out the look.



SUPPLIES

- Assorted Succulents
- · Shadow box
- · River rocks
- Potting soil
- Moss

- Cardstock
- Wire cutters
- Hot glue gun/ hot glue sticks
- Scissors
- 1. Remove backing, and alter as desired—we removed the black velvet and replaced it with gray cardstock.
 Set aside. Then fold another piece of cardstock in half, trim to fit inside box, and hot glue into place as shown.
- 2. Layer box with rocks, soil and moss, as shown. Be sure to fill box enough to hide the cardstock you installed in Step 1.
- Trim succulent stems as desired, and arrange in box. Replace backing.











One big reason to go faux: container freedom. You can't plant real succulents in this shallow model truck bed, but you can glue in a glorious mix of artificials. And trust us, they'll look just as lush as live ones (maybe even more so). For a design like this, just trim the stems and arrange as desired.

SHOW OF SANDS

Love a cheeky take on garden variety? Try tucking succulent picks into tinted sand. We used simple clay saucers for this look, which made the plants (and the color) the stars of the display. The secret for keeping the trimmed stems upright in the shallow container: generously applied hot glue.



Succulents are poster children for sophisticated, unfussy style, so it's common to see them paired with understated containers like these clear flowerpots. But hey, you've gotta do you—so don't hesitate to upend the trend with a little color. Just grab some acrylic paint, and embellish as you please.



