

# going green?

We suggest starting with trendy, easy-to-arrange succulents. Look inside for our fresh-as-it-gets projects and design ideas.



so, so succulent

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## ^ fine lines

Does your green thumb need a breather? Go faux with rows of gorgeous-as-the-real-thing succulents, nestled in a rustic wooden planter. There's floral foam in the bottom of the box, covered with an assortment of mosses.

## >> take it away

As seen on the cover, give a garden wedding a modern edge with a tableful of sleek, green succulents. Simply stage a beautiful arrangement surrounded by these ready-to-go petite white pots. Want to make them double as favors? Tie on handmade tags to proclaim the wedding date and the names of the bride and groom.



## lock, stock & labeled

Specimen art makes you look smart—but that's only part of the appeal. It's a great way to incorporate a vintage flora vibe into your décor without fussing with an arrangement. We used hot glue to secure these succulents to an off-the-shelf shadow box. Then we added handmade tags, tacked on with scrapbooking brads.



## « wreath wish

Succulents are anything but garden variety. So when it comes to putting them on a wreath, try thinking beyond the basic in-the-round frame. Squares are good, and so is this 24" oval grapevine (available in the Floral Department). Use floral picks, floral wire or glue (or a combination of them) to keep the plants in place.



## ≈ chalk it up

Wipe the schoolroom ambience from a basic framed chalkboard with clusters of cool, sculptural greens. Just trim the stems and arrange as desired, securing the plants with hot glue as you work. What a fresh take on the classic menu board!



## glass grasp

Hand-picked botanicals displayed in glass? That's terrarium style, and you can make it happen with a well-chosen succulent stem and a basic clear vase. Pour river rocks (available in the Floral Department) in the bottom of the container, and then tuck in the plant. The result is clean, simple and the freshest kind of pretty.



## lift a finger

Proclaim your inner green goddess with a wear-it-on-a-dare succulent ring. Remove the stem, along with a few layers of leaves. Then glitter the ends, and glue on a good-sized gem. Now use E-6000® adhesive to secure the arrangement to a bezel ring base, allowing it to dry according to the manufacturer's instructions.



## » to the letter

Is cool and natural your signature style? Personalize it with a looks-like-it-grew-that-way monogram. Paint an oversized wooden letter (available in the Craft Department) an earthy brown, and then glue on an eclectic mix of succulents with their stems removed. Finish with a hanger of your choice.



« **new light** Get green scene ambiance at light speed with a succulent-filled lantern. For this look, we used raffia to anchor a ball of floral foam to the metal. Then we tucked in a variety of stems, along with bits of made-to-dangle greenery. To finish, we added diamond picks and hanging gems.