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TIPS FROM EXPERTS
FOR DESIGNING A
**SUCCULENT
ARRANGEMENT**

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Create a Focal Point: This is the wow factor in your arrangement and where the eye should land first when viewing the composition.

Add an assortment of succulents for Texture: fuzzy, spiky, bumpy, and shiny

Start with the container then coordinate the colors of the succulents with the container and use trending interior color schemes for inspiration. For example: a teal colored container with succulents that are Bright Green (Sedum Angelina), blue (Echeveria Mazarine) and orange (Sedum Adolphii 'Firestorm').



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Remember, variety is the spice of life!
Experiment with combining contrasting colors and textures.

No rules apply in succulent design! Be creative and stretch the boundaries!

When working with cuttings, pack your plant material in tightly to allow for shrinkage.



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Geometry: Succulents play well to purposeful geometric design. Select a small-scale succulent that will retain a definite shape such as a sempervivum, echeveria or aloe, rather than sprawl through a container. Arrange them in formal rows or shapes.

Monochromatic: Succulent containers can also be used to create a “dramatic monochromatic” scheme. Select succulents of all different textures and growth habits that all display the same general color of foliage- a lavender/gray scheme is a personal favorite.



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Consider the size of container in proportion to plant selections.

Group plants of same watering needs.

One genus of different species in one container makes an interesting arrangement. Ex: *Haworthia fasciata* variegata, *Haworthia calcarea*, *Haworthia cymbiformis*. Consider their color and shapes combined.

A solo specimen in itself makes an interesting arrangement.

Focus on varied shapes, texture and color of succulents.



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Start with one beautiful succulent that you want to show off. Place it in the middle of the container just off center. Then add other succulents to give that succulent some attention. Add the other succulents in odd numbers. One in each corner and then another to the side of the show off plant in a sort of a triangle.

Always add top dressing. This makes the job complete. You can use anything from rock, shells, crushed glass to marbles; anything to cover the dirt but not take away from the beauty of the plants. This helps keep the dirt from coming out during watering and looks great. Here is a trick: before you add your top dressing, add a layer of pumice or Dry Stall. This will keep the dirt from showing through.



Thriller, Filler, Spiller

Several of the designers mentioned the thriller, filler, spiller principle. Use this guide to create a stunning arrangement.

Thriller: A succulent that is larger, taller or a different shape than the other succulents.

Filler: These fill up the space around the focal point plant.

Spiller: A trailing plant that falls over the edge of the planter.