

CAMP LA JUNTA

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MINI SUCCULENT GARDEN

Moms – they really are something special! A special Mom needs a special gift, especially on the one day of the year purely dedicated to her. And there is nothing more special than a handmade something, lovingly created by her own child.

These mini succulent gardens are awesome and so easy to put together. You can personalize them with pretty colored rocks, ribbons and notes. And with the proper care, they will last for years, reminding your mom every day of just how much you love her.

What you'll need

- Small pots for your succulents – second-hand or vintage glasses and teacups, or recycled pots and cans will all work well
- Small pebbles
- Soil
- A variety of succulent cuttings
- Pretty things to decorate – ribbons, decorative stones, buttons, crystals
- A popsicle stick
- Pretty paper
- Craft glue
- Lots of love for the succulents and your mom

Collect and prepare your succulents

Succulents are amazing, hardy little creatures that seem like they will just about grow anywhere. We bought ours at a local store and

Prepare your pots

If you're using recycled cans or tin of some sort, you might like to consider painting the pots first with a rust proof primer. Next, line the base of your pots with small pebbles. These stop your little succulent's feet from getting wet, preventing an onset of root rot (never nice). Then cover the pebbles with soil.

Plant your succulents

Create small wells in the soil and pop in your succulents. I used succulents of different heights and texture for eye-catching, fun.

Decorate

Use the pretty paper to create a cute card for your mom. Cut the popsicle stick in half lengthways to create a skinny stake and stick the card onto the tip. Then pop it into your succulent pot. Finish by covering the soil with decorative stones. I decided to use pebbles to complement the earthy tones of the succulents. But you could also use pebbles or crystals in your mom's favorite color. A ribbon wrapped around the pot would also look great.

Loving your succulents

Remember that succulents are desert plants so they need lots of natural light (think a bright windowsill) and very little water. Because these guys are in pots without drainage, extra care is needed so that the roots don't end up sitting in water. Your mom should allow the soil to completely dry out before watering and make sure that any water in the pot doesn't sit above the original layer of pebbles.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!