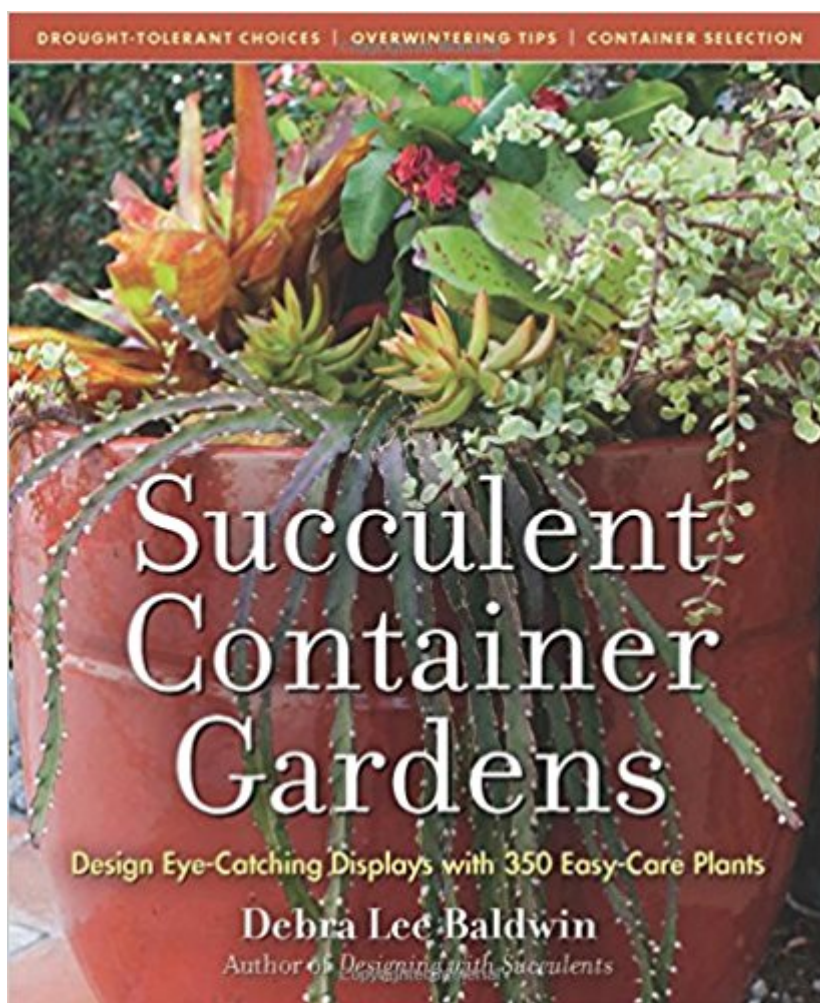


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Succulent Container Gardens: Design Eye-Catching Displays With 350 Easy-Care Plants



Synopsis

With their colorful leaves, sculptural shapes, and simple care, succulents are beautiful yet forgiving plants for pots. If grown in containers, these dry-climate jewels—which include but are not limited to cacti—can be brought indoors in winter and so can thrive anywhere in the world. In this inspiring compendium, the popular author of *Designing with Succulents* provides everything beginners and experienced gardeners need to know to create stunning container displays of exceptionally waterwise plants. The extensive palette includes delicate sedums, frilly echeverias, cascading senecios, edgy agaves, and fat-trunked beaucarneas, to name just a few. Easy-to-follow, expert tips explain soil mixes, overwintering, propagation, and more. Define your individual style as you effectively combine patterns, colors, textures, and forms. Discover how top designers interpret the dramatic options, in ideas ranging from exquisite plant-and-pot combinations to extraordinary topiaries and bonsai. Expand your repertoire with plump-leaved plants that resemble pebbles, stars, and undersea creatures. Short on space? Create vertical gardens and hanging baskets, and use daisylike rosettes in wall displays. Each of the more than 300 photographs offers an inspiring idea. A-to-Z descriptions cover 350 of the best succulents, plus companion plants. Whether your goal is a gorgeous potted garden for a sunny windowsill or outdoor living area—or simply making great gifts—this is a comprehensive primer for creating vibrant, living works of art.

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Customer Reviews

In her follow-up to *Designing With Succulents* (2007), Baldwin presents design ideas for container gardens of every stripe: elegant to traditional, miniature to bonsai, to a chic minimalism. She shows off to great advantage the architectural qualities and jewel-like colors of succulent species in head-turning groupings that illustrate such fundamental design elements as rhythm and repetition, and in arrangements showing simple yet striking marriages between single plants and glazed pots. Baldwin will surely ignite a fire under green thumbs who are already drawn to this realm of intriguingly textural plants, with abundant examples of gorgeous private and nursery gardens abetted by succulent displays of starkly upright and cascading forms, ruffled leaves, and rosettes. Regardless of skill level, gardeners will draw on Baldwin's expert propagation advice for a cost-cutting way to expand one's garden. Further instructions for the care of these drought-tolerant, fleshy-leaved plants, from agaves to aloes to yuccas, include methods for overwintering, and a list of cold-hardy cacti and succulents. --Alice Joyce

This inspiring new book from the author of *Designing with Succulents* shows how anyone—regardless of climate or space constraints—can cultivate easy-care, sculptural, low-water plants in stunning potted arrangements. Hundreds of ideas for great containers. Creative ways to use colors, shapes, and textures. Best succulents for pots, plus companions. Small-space solutions, indoors and out. Smart, simple plant-care techniques.

The most comprehensive beautiful book on succulents you will ever find. Bought an extra for my daughter. if you want to know about the use, the care, the different types this is your book. the pictures of containers and outdoor use are top quality and very inspiring..

This is an awesome book on container gardening. Ms. Baldwin accepted the challenge of demystifying succulents and how to grow them. And she did a wonderful job! She starts off by pairing plants with various pot types and styles. From there she talks about the many types of succulents along with some companion plants to consider. At the same time, you can see colorful photos with crisp detail. If you are a visual person like me, I can't say enough good things about the importance of well-developed pictures. She talks about displaying your plants, the proper care and, lastly, she gives you some wonderful plant lists. If you are ever considering growing this family of plants, I would tell you to consider investing in the hard copy. It is money well-spent; you will get much use from this book.

Debra Lee Baldwin is an author with an eye for color and arranging succulents in the home garden. She lends her vast knowledge of succulents and lends an artistic eye to her compositions that both inspire and make you understand the simplicity of organizing shapes and colors with nature. Her choice of plants is excellent for the Southern California plant enthusiast who will likely be familiar with most of her choices. She reveals the beauty of succulents when paired with colorful planters and pots of all shapes and sizes. "Designing with Succulents" is another book by the author that I would recommend. Both books are recommended for the home garden enthusiast who is looking to beautify their home environment.

I had grown gardens in my backyard for many years but had never grown succulents. Since moving into a Retirement Center, I only have the balcony of my apartment available to continue my life long interest. I decided to grow succulents and cactus since they will grow in small containers, with nutrient poor cactus soil and less frequent watering. I decided I needed more information on growing these plants and ordered the book, Succulent Container Gardens. The information on identifying, potting and growing soil needs, and the necessary watering are all available in this well written book. I find myself referring to it often.

I confess that I am late to the party on this one, but I'm glad that I've finally read Debra Lee Baldwin's 'Succulent Container Gardens.' Can it be? A gardening book with beautiful pictures AND enjoyable text? Yes, it is. The book is certainly beautifully and generously illustrated, but what stands out for me is the informative, clear, and sometimes amusing exposition. The occasional personal anecdotes reveal a practical and unfussy gardener who allows serendipity to make some of her gardening decisions. I wish I had 10 thumbs to give this thumbs up!

The information is great but I had purchased this book a year ago and the colors on the pix were wonderful. Not so much with this printing, they are dull and not at all satisfying. Had I known this I would not have purchased the book.

Great book with wonderful information and ideas for showing off succulents. So many of my friends have ordered it after looking at mine.

This book is a great buy for any succulent lover. It is a great book for novice or a more experienced succulent collector. The information is excellent and the photos are very enticing. I got many ideas

for plantings and design of my containers. There is good information on plant care and combinations that work well together. My book is already full of Post It's and dog eared pages. I would buy this again and plan on giving one as a gift to a fellow succulent enthusiast.

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