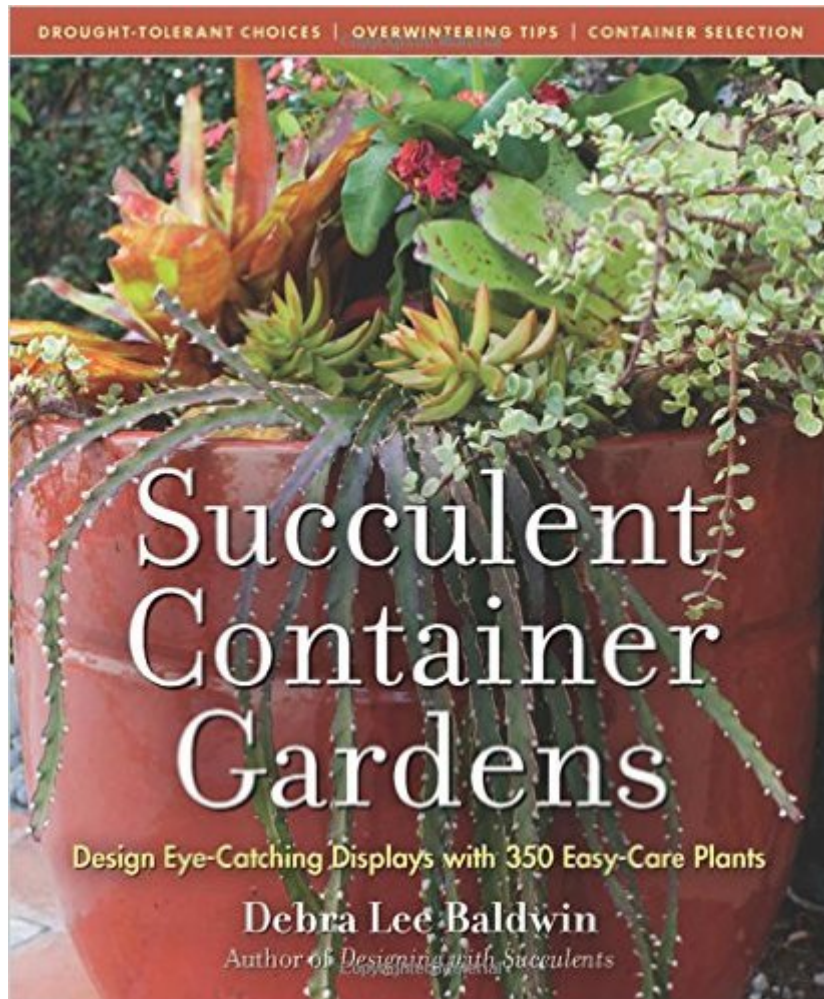


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# Succulent Container Gardens: Design Eye-Catching Displays With 350 Easy-Care Plants



## 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

I'm just getting into succulents. I have currently got no other house plants, and have always

harbored an interest in these varied and unusual plants, so I finally took the plunge and got a small collection with a mind to making up some sort of container garden, but just as quickly realized I knew next to nothing about succulents other than that they are hardy and don't require much water. Now what? I asked myself. Off to my library site where I luckily happened upon this book by a very talented woman. Instead of regretting what I got myself into, or being intimidated by it all, her palpable passion for these plants combined with equal parts passion for art and design has me so fired up I can't wait to begin my own small first attempts at a succulent arrangement, plus I'm making up a gift plant of Echeveria for a friend, with an eye (newly learned) for contrast and repetition! Baldwin has such an eye for form, movement and color that it's just plain fun to follow along through the book and see what she sees! Truly, she is an inspiration, and I can't recommend this book highly enough. It is so well organized, and covers just about everything. I'm so glad I found this delight.

"Succulent Container Gardens" is a must have. Every home gardener, succulent admirer and professional designer should rush to buy this beautifully constructed and organized work. With the trend toward water wise plants and water conservation in our gardens this book puts it's best foot forward in helping us develop strategies to conserve water. It proves that container plantings don't have to be short lived annuals requiring high maintenance to be striking and wonderfully designed. As Landscape Architects we are working more consistently with Clients who are requesting succulents, both for their gardens and container plantings. You will want to keep this great book close to you for reference. Robert Dean, RLA #2322 Steve Wichmann, RLA #3777 Garner Wichmann Dean - Landscape Architects

As a garden designer, I've long known the benefit of adding colorful succulents to take a mundane garden to the next level. Adding a pot of succulents to the center of a table creates a semi-permanent floral arrangement; a colorful urn spilling over with succulents focuses attention at the end of long walkway. Debra Balwin's new book "Succulent Container Gardens" shows how to create magical combinations that can transform gardens of any size into living works of art. Besides showing individual pots, succulents, and design combinations there seems to be an almost infinite array of ideas about how to display containers in the garden. The gorgeous photography is supplemented with Debra's usual wonderful text and captions...and for adjective-challenged people like me I now have "egg shaped" euphorbia and "turn upward, like eels" crassula rupestris to add to my succulent description vocabulary. I always take Debra's previous book "Designing with

Succulents" on garden consultations and will now also include "Succulent Container Gardens".Jim BishopBishop Garden Design

I was prompted to purchase this book after a beautiful photo accompanying a review in the paper caught my eye. I have been intrigued by succulents, and due to space considerations appreciated the special approach regarding containers. The book itself is breathtaking in its beauty. You can see the author's expertise with photography as well as her plant and design knowledge throughout. My first use of the book was to learn more about the succulents I have been growing, and how to help them thrive (some can tolerate lower light conditions, for example). I repotted and arranged them, and then have moved forward to purchase some new plants for further experimentation. While the book could serve as a coffee table item, please do use it to put together artful arrangements of these most stunning plants!

I love this book! I don't have a big yard so I'm creating a yard on my patio with containers and my best-growing plants are succulents. This book has great ideas for creating succulent containers (natch.) The pictures are fabulous.

I recieved my book and have only briefly looked over it but I was very pleased. I was able to quickly look up questions I had and the author had enough information for me to use. The author gives example that a beginner like myself can use or more advanced succulent gardener could appreciate. The photos are beautiful and generous throughout the whole book. I was really happy with this purchase and would recomend it. This book insn't so much of a "how too", so if your looking for step by step,look elsewhere. The title of this book doesnt suggest it's a how too, i just want to help any buyers to know what their getting. This would be a nice gift. The ideas in this book are creative and inspiring!! AAA's all around from me.

Succulents are taking over my life. Debra's new book is the equivalent of having your very own coach/gardener follow you around choosing plants and containers to enhance your property. Both inspirational and educational.

If you're a fan of succulents and are interested in how to plant them, what pots to use to show them off at their best, how to grow them inside, what soils/fertilizers to use, what colors go best with each other, what incredible pots are available, this is the book to buy!!! love it.....thank you for your

very fast service. I am enjoying each chapter. Lydia

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