



DIY succulent garden planters

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Photo from Chic Boutique - Altman Plants

While checking out the latest plants and garden supplies at Lowe's in Vegas on Charleston and Decatur a cute little garden project was discovered.

Altman Plants has come up with an innovative marketing program for promoting and selling succulents and cactus plants to home gardeners.

Their 'Chic Boutique Succulents' line of plants are tagged with "Garden Recipe" cards to guide the DIY (do it yourself) gardener in the designing and planting of a small succulent garden planter.

Three different plant types are used in the recipe with a small diagram so that anyone can create a professional looking mini succulent garden.

Each species and variety of succulent plant is tagged as one of the three types for ease of choosing the right plants for each unique planter and DIY design.

1. Focal plants --- the focal point in a garden design is the "feature" that your eye is drawn to and is usually a single plant that stands out with an interesting shape or size.
2. Structural plants --- build the basic structure of the design and complement the focal point.
3. Textural plants ---the final plants added to fill the spaces and "provide the finishing touch." These plants often add a different texture or color for interest but don't detract from the focal point.

Generally, garden designs in pots or in the landscape contain these basic design components. Each component that is not a single specimen or focal plant is usually planted in threes or other odd numbers unless it is a formal design. Formal designs are symmetrical and duplicate plants or

elements are used one each side of a central line of the pot or landscape. The elements of formal, informal and natural garden designs can be used even in small potted gardens.

The succulent plants that are marketed by Chic Boutique are very small to fit into table top planters and pots. Some of the plants may continue to grow in a compact miniature form but there are some plants that will eventually outgrow the size of the pot. When that happens replant the containers with new young plants and use the larger plants in larger planters. When they get too large for indoor pots, most of the plants will do well in a protected garden outdoors.

Mini succulent or cactus planters make [great gifts](#) especially for desert dwellers. Chic Boutique succulent plants and planters may be available in other nurseries and garden centers in the Vegas Valley as Altman is a major wholesale supplier of little succulents and cactus.

For more info: [Chic Boutique](#) [Altman Cactus Collection](#)