



Sphagnum Moss Wreath

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A ready-made sphagnum moss wreath
You can also purchase a wire form and sphagnum moss liner separately.



Pick the Right Plants

Succulents are ideal for wreaths because they grow slowly.

Top plant picks for living wreath include:
Aeoniums ~ Rosary vine (Ceropegia) ~
Crassulas ~ Echeverias ~ Euphorbias ~
Haworthias ~ Hens-and-chicks (Sempervivum) ~
Kalanchoes ~ Sedums (groundcover types) ~
Mother of Pearl Plant and Jade plant



Take Cuttings

Take cuttings of succulents a day or two prior to creating your wreath. Cut stem sections 1 to 2 inches long, removing lower leaves. Allow cuttings to sit overnight on a tray to let the cut ends callus (form a thin layer of cells).



Soak the Form

Submerge a mesh-covered moss wreath (nylon netting) form in water. Allow the form to sit in water until it's fully saturated. If you're filling your own wreath form with sphagnum peat moss, soak moss and wring it out prior to filling the form. Wear gloves when working with loose peat moss.



Arrange Your Plants

On a flat surface, lay out cuttings in the arrangement you want on your wreath. Aim for density. To create a spot for planting each stem, make a hole in the moss using a pointed object, such as a pair of scissors, a pencil, or a screwdriver. **Insert the Cuttings** - Place a cutting into each hole. You'll see some moss between cuttings; as succulents grow, they'll hide the moss. **Secure the Cuttings** - Insert pins, such as crafts clips or floral pins (available from a florist), to hold cuttings in place. Cuttings will root along their stems, but until they do, the pins will keep them secure.

- Note: Wreath forms are available from craft-supply stores and some nurseries in a number of different shapes that you can customize for your landscape. The wreath shape doesn't affect its care, but the size does: Larger wreaths hold moisture better than small wreaths and will need less frequent watering. For best results, place the wreath in a partially shaded spot. In the hottest Zones, protect plants from midday sun.

Other Ways To Do Succulent Plantings



Modular Wall Form



Frame or Box Form



Wire Form



Using Recycled Material or Furniture

Other possibilities:

Florafelt – living wall panel (w/root wrappers)

<http://www.plantsonwalls.com>

Steele frames built with netting & sphagnum moss:

<http://www.mosserlee.com>

12 inch costs \$11.99