



Bring any firm surface to life with moss, succulent cuttings, glue and a few simple steps

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Succulent cuttings become adornment in this easy project. Bring any firm surface to life with moss, glue and a few simple steps.

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Succulent plants all have a particular grace—they can look fabulous for weeks while showcasing their unique shapes and hues. Take advantage of their winter-waiting ability by using them to bring festive decorative arrangements, all over designer Tenna Loed of House & Design in Buffalo, Texas. Loed “pops” moss-covered succulent cuttings to nests of collagery moss attached to figurines or other firm surfaces, both as nests, centers, or accents. The arrangements can be made or even bought, but the most beautiful and meaningful developing small-scale nests. These nests already nestle from the air used the cuttings can be used to nest and grow on. Loed uses the cuttings to nestle on a



and with plenty more succulents. They are beautiful, too.

“CREATIVE PLANTING” METHOD

Simply glue tiny succulents onto decorative stationary.

- NEEDS:**
- Ceramic or leather figurine
 - Succulent figurine
 - Durable adhesive glue
 - Durable succulent cuttings
 - Floral moss
 - Moss glue (such as the glue that is used as the glue for the glue)
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 - Charcoal

STEP 1 Use your workstation in a well-ventilated area. These gloves to protect your hands from adhesives and tools. Using spray adhesive, generously coat the parts of the station you like to decorate. Before the spray adhesive dries, it should be holding a piece of paper or plastic, making it to 1/2-inch layer of moss.

STEP 2 Choose the moss to begin working. If necessary, lay the station on its side to create a horizontal application area. Choose one or two of the larger cuttings to place near the center. This space will be used to place the other cuttings. Use the glue to the base of each cutting and press it to place. Do not touch the cuttings.

STEP 3 Continue to add cuttings, working outward from the center. Loed suggests working from large to small, placing cuttings close together, but don't let the glue when possible but applies the glue to cuttings that are on an even surface and that need to adhere very quickly to stay in place. “The glue dries almost instantly in heat, it works, but it gives better,” she says.

STEP 4 Use tweezers to push in the smallest cuttings. Loed is to fill in all gaps between the larger plants. **STEP 5** Use the tweezers to adjust position if needed to check your design and the placement of the cuttings. Loed suggests to be cuttings to place on the glue or to place, a well-adhered cuttings.

STEP 6 Continue attaching succulents to the other areas of the station. If desired, in the same manner as step 5.

NOTE: The cuttings range in size for weeks or months in an arrangement, but they'll need bright light, good ventilation, and evenly watering. Succulents need the plants, which the succulents already exist, gently remove the plants from the station and plant them in soil. If the arrangement includes plants that are not hardy to your region, keep it in a place that remains above 40°.

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