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Instant Succulent Gardens

For a lovely low-water garden, select succulents that are large, midsized and low-growing. For maximum visual impact and a sophisticated design, choose those with contrasting colors, textures and shapes; and plant multiples for pleasing repetitions.

1. FULL-SUN COLOR GARDEN

Large and/or tall: *Agave* 'Blue Flame'; *Aloe bainesii* (aka *Aloe barbarae*), *A. plicatilis*
Beaucarnea recurvata (Madagascar palm)
Euphorbia tirucalli 'Sticks on Fire'

Midsized: *Aeonium* 'Zwartkop', *A.* 'Sunburst', *A.* 'Kiwi'
Agave 'Blue Glow', *A. angustifolia* 'Marginata'
Aloe striata (coral aloe) and hybrids

Crassula 'Campfire', *C. arborescens* 'Undulatifolia', *Crassula ovata* (jade) and its cultivars.
Cotyledon orbiculata, *Cotyledon* 'Elkhorn'
Echeveria imbricata, *E.* 'Dick's Pink', *E.* 'Crinoline Ruffles', *E.* 'Pollux', *E.* 'Violet Queen'
Euphorbia 'Hummel's Zigzag'

Graptoveria 'Fred Ives'

Kalanchoe cultivars with bright flowers (*K. blossfeldiana* hybrids)

Kalanchoe luciae (paddle plant), *Kalanchoe marmorata* (penwiper plant)

Senecio barbertonicus, *S. crassissimus*

Low-growing: *Agave lophantha* 'Quadricolor'; *Aloe distans*, *A. nobilis*; *Echeveria harmsii*
Sedum rubrotinctum 'Pork and Beans', *S. nussbaumerianum*, *S. adolphi*, *S.* 'Angelina', *S. pachyphyllum*; *Senecio serpens*; *Othonna capensis*

2. PART-SHADE SUCCULENT GARDEN

Large and/or tall: *Agave attenuata*, *Aloe vera*

Midsized: *Aeonium* 'Sunburst'; *Graptoveria* 'Fred Ives'; peperomias
Senecio vitalis, *S. haworthii*

Low-growing: *Aptenia cordifolia* 'Variegata' (variegated red apple ice plant), *Othonna capensis*,
sedums (stonecrops) such as 'Angelina'

3. FROST-HARDY SUCCULENT GARDEN (to the mid-teens or lower)

Large: Agaves (*A. montana*, *A.* 'Baccarat', *A. americana*)

Midsized: Agaves (*A. parrasana*, *A. victoriae-reginae*, *A. parryi*)

Aloe polyphylla (spiral aloe)

Sedum palmeri, *S. oxypetalum*

Low-growing: Ice plants (*Aptenia cordifolia*, *Delosperma nubigenum*)

Fine-leaved sedums ('Angelina', 'Blue Spruce', 'Cape Blanco'); sempervivums

Topdress bare spots with crushed rock or decomposed granite.

More info: "Designing with Succulents" and "Succulents Simplified"
by Debra Lee Baldwin www.debraleebaldwin.com

A talk presented at the 2015 Succulent Extravaganza
More at www.sgplants.com

