

SUCCULENT FRAMES

Tools & Materials Recommended:

- Tape Measure
- Pencil
- 90° Speed Square
- Skillsaw or Handsaw
- Drill/Hammer
- Staple Gun
- Wood Screws or Nails
- Trim Nails
- Flat Corner Brackets
- Hardware Wire Mesh or Fishing Line

- Picture Frame Hanging Wire Kit (min. 50lb)
- Frame Material (Recycled Frame, Pallet Wood etc.)
- 2x2 Dimensional Lumber
- Interior Plywood
- Floral Moss
- Potting Soil
- Plants (no larger than 4" material)

1. Cut outer frame pieces as necessary to fit corners to create square/rectangular frame and secure on backside with a flat corner bracket overlapping each side of connecting frame pieces
2. Cut and staple hardware wire mesh or fishing line (overlapped in a grid form of no larger than 2" squares) to backside of the frame on all sides. This will help hold both plants and loose soil from falling out of the front of the frame.
3. Using 2x2 lumber, cut 4 lengths and secure with wood screws or nails to backside of frame sandwiching wire mesh or fishing line and creating a boxed in planting space.
4. If using hardware wire mesh, spread 1" thick and overlapping layer of floral moss against mesh to hold in soil. If using fishing line, skip direction 4 & 5 as soil will be added in direction 8 after backside of frame has been closed in with plywood.
5. Layer potting soil on top of moss until even with depth of 2x2 box frame. Press firmly into soil providing light compaction. Add more soil if necessary to fulfill proper depth.
6. Using interior plywood, cut to fit length and width of 2x2 box frame and secure with wood screws or trim nails. This will close in the box leaving only the front side open for planting.
7. Add heavy duty picture hanging wire to topside of frame. *Must hold minimum of 50lbs for 2x2' frame.
8. Flip frame over to frontside and prepare for planting. If using a fishing line grid, add a minimum 1" layer of potting soil for planting base.
9. Layout pattern of plants as desired and begin planting between grid patterns loosening root base as necessary. Pack loose areas around planting with soil and floral moss as necessary.
10. Water in frame and lie flat for up to 4 weeks allowing time for plants to root and secure into frame.

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