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- 1) Carefully unwrap your hanging wine bottle planter and place over newspaper for easy clean up as you assemble your succulent garden.
- 2) **** BEFORE** planting your hanging garden be sure to attach your hanging chain. 1) Unhook the clasp from the chain and feed the chain from the inside of the bottle through the bottle neck. This will leave the metal ring in the neck of the bottle and the free end of the chain hanging out of the top of the bottle. 2) Now attach the clasp as shown in the above picture. Do NOT hang the bottle until it is planted and watered. Be sure to screw the clamp in tightly into a wooden beam or other suitable surface. If you cannot securely do this you can hang the bottle's chain from a nail but it will not be as secure.

Follow the below steps if you purchased a complete kit versus only a hanging planter:

- 3) Layout bag of soil on your work surface/table. (Not all soil may fit in your planter because I tend to ship you extra.)
- 4) Carefully unwrap plant(s) and lay on the newspaper.
 - Handle your succulents gently. You can cradle their roots in your hand to move them. If holding the roots make sure the plant is well supported and NOT held upside down by the roots. This could cause the roots to separate from the plant.
 - **** Some succulents will lose a few leaves in travel or when handled. Just let the leaf dry for a day then you can plant full sized leaves broken tip down in well-draining soil or simply lay them on the top of the soil. Not every leaf will grow a new plant but many will and you will have several FREE new plants! Plant leaves in a separate container and leave in dry soil until roots start to grow. Once roots start you can water them. Root may appear like small pink hairs. When they have grown larger only water them when the soil is completely dry. Succulent leaves root best in spring, summer and fall. Keep them warm and sunny for best results. ****
 - Some soil will be loose and could be on your plants after their travels. Just blow lightly to remove loose soil from leaves. (Best done after plant is in planter.)

- 5) With bottle garden over newspaper, place plants in the positions that suit you or those shown in the above pictures.
- 6) Once plants are in place use your hands to add soil around them. Use a pencil or small stick to GENTLY maneuver soil in any tight crevices. Be careful not to poke the plant's roots too much.
- 7) Press down on the surface of the soil so soil will be firmly packed and not loose. Soil should be just below the opening in the bottle. Don't press too firmly since this is a glass bottle and you don't want to put pressure on the glass. Just firmly enough so the soil will hold up the plants.
- 8) Now that the plants are in the planter you can ever so gently trickle water on to each plant and the soil surface to help the soil settle more. This may allow you to add more soil. You do not need to add all the soil that comes with your planter. I like to give you extra soil just in case. Water will run out the drainage slit in the bottle. Water until all the soil is saturated and the bottle garden feels heavier.
- 9) Watering your new hanging bottle garden:
 - Succulents are plants, so they must be watered to live. But if their feet (roots) stay wet for prolonged periods they can rot and die.
 - Only water your new succulent friends when the soil is dry all the way to the bottom of the planter. Your planter will feel lighter once all the water is gone and then it's time to water again. When in doubt don't water! It's best to keep your plants a little dehydrated than to kill them with kindness/water! Water once ~ every 7-10 day in winter perhaps every 3-4 days during the hot summer. It depends on if your hanging garden is hanging inside or outside and how much sunlight it gets, and how hot it is outside... Keep an eye on your succulent friends and if they seem to be rotting water them less. If they seem to be shriveling up and getting limp water them a bit more. There are guides, with photos, on the internet to show you what plants that are over and under watered look like. You can find helpful articles about succulents, how to water them and how to grow them from just a leaf on my friend Cassidy's website. The pictures are great too.
<http://www.succulentsandsunshine.com/>
- 10) Kits typically do not include this, but if you want to decorate your hanging bottle garden you can use decorative rock, colored reindeer moss, flat marbles, crushed shells, fairy garden items... Just place items on top of the soil and maneuver them with your pencil into place. You can slightly press the items into the soil to help them stay in place. I would keep the level of the soil just below the level of the opening to help the decorative items stay in place.
- 11) Last step. Place in a location that is sunny part of the day. Bright filtered sunlight is best. Full sunlight will leave your plants feeling like they are in a hot car with the windows up! Not enough sunlight will cause your plants to elongate or even lose their pretty colors. In the winter you may want to bring your planter inside to a sunny window. Succulents will freeze if left in a cold area.

Enjoy and feel free to email me with any question or suggestion! LookingSharpCactus@gmail.com

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