

Craft and Chat: Pine Cone Succulents

Supplies

- Pinecones – whole/half (about 5)
- Acrylic paint
- Spanish moss
- Floral foam
- Paintbrushes
- Any sort of box or other container
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks OR craft glue
- Paper towels
- Paper plate (for paint mixing)
- Cup for washing brushes
- Sharp knife or hedge clippers



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Instructions

Take a look at pictures of succulents online. Notice their range of colors - green, blue, purple, pink, red, yellow - and how many succulents have a different color or shade on the tips of their leaves.



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Cut your pine cones in half, if desired. For large ones, a skill saw might be necessary (see picture). Most smaller ones can easily be cut with a hedge clipper.

Examine the pine cone peices to decide which ones you want to paint.



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Using a medium sized craft brush, paint the pinecone in a base color of your choice, using the brush to get deep down in the center of the pinecone. Set aside to dry. Once the pinecone is dry, choose another shade or color for the tips of each leaf and, with a smaller brush, add some accent color to the edges.



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The best way to paint your pinecone is to use a dry brush technique. Pick up a little paint on your brush, and then brush it almost dry on a piece of paper or paper towel before applying paint to the edges of your pinecone. You may need to mix colors to get the shade you want. Remember that your succulent will look different once the paint has dried, and the colors may dull when painted on the dark pinecones.



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Choose your container. You may need some floral foam in the base of your container, so the pinecone halves will sit near the top. Use a sharp knife to cut your foam to fill the container to the right level.

You can also use wadded up paper. Cover the foam with some Spanish moss or small rocks, securing with glue if desired.



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Play with your faux succulents, deciding what arrangement looks best. Once you've found your arrangement, add glue to the bottom of each pinecone and secure in the container.



Resources

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