

## Graptoveria / Graptosedum Succulent Cuttings



These plants aren't actually a cactus - they don't have any thorns to stick you - but they grow easily in dry conditions and make a great addition to a rock garden in zones 10 and warmer or a wonderful house plant in any zone! They are great in hanging baskets, cascading over the edges, they get a slightly pink tint when exposed to some direct sunlight or stay pale green in the shade.

These plants are EXCELLENT if you don't have a green thumb, don't like to do much in the garden or like to take long vacations! You can practically plant them and forget them! These plants are hardy to zone 10, plant as a container plant in colder zones and protect from freezing. Treat as a cactus and allow soil to dry between watering.

These plants are SUPER EASY to root; simply place each cutting, (cut end down), into some well draining (cactus or orchid suitable) soil (DO NOT USE REGULAR POTTING SOIL, IT DOES NOT DRAIN WELL ENOUGH). I usually bury mine so most of the stem is in the soil with just the leafy part above ground. Be sure to pack the soil tightly around the cutting to remove any air pockets and make sure the whole bottom of the cutting has good contact with the soil. Putting some rocks on the top of the soil will help keep the cuttings in place when you water and also keep the dirt from splattering on the leaves when you water them.

Water sparingly but regularly (don't allow water to stand), water as you would a cactus and within a few weeks you'll have rooted, growing plants! After your plants start growing, allow top 1" of the soil to dry between waterings. The only thing you can do 'wrong' with these plants is to keep them too wet; too dry is better than too wet.

I suggest you keep your plants in a shady (or filtered sun) spot in your yard or home until you see new growth, then you can move to more sun if desired. Bring your plants inside (or protect them outside) when temperatures start to fall into the low 40's or a frost is expected. Do not allow plants to freeze.

This is the most inexpensive way to get a start of these wonderful plants, and the way my grandmother has passed this plant on to friends and neighbors for over 30 years! Each leaf will actually start a new plant, so if you break a leaf off, just stick it in the soil and a new plant will grow from it!