Easy Breezy Succulents

Light
Most varieties need at least half a day to a full day of sunlight. When bringing indoor plants outside, some afternoon shade is recommended.

Soil
Succulents need well drained soil. When planting in the garden, make sure the area drains well and is not in a low spot that would stay wet. For container planting you can purchase cactus soil or incorporate sand, gravel or volcanic rock for better drainage. The container should have drainage holes or put crushed rock on the bottom before your planting medium.

Fertilizer
Most succulents need very little fertilizer. Watering with a well balanced fertilizer once a month will be all they need. Use a water soluble 10-10-10 formula, in 1 gallon of water, Use half the amount of fertilizer recommended on the package. For example, use ½ tablespoon if the label recommends using 1 tablespoon per gallon of water

Flowering
Sedum all have different bloom times and colors ranging from pink, red and yellow. Sempervivums will bloom after the second or third year. A flower stalk will shoot up from the center of the main rosette with a cluster of flowers. After the flower dies, gently twist off the stalk. The main rosette has put on new offsets that will fill in.

Transplanting
Remove plants from their pots and plant making sure the soil level remains the same depth on the plant. Once established, your succulents will benefit from a layer of pebbles or pea gravel spread on the soil around the plant. This is also very decorative.

Watering
After planting, water in well and allow the soil to dry slightly between waterings. Succulents don’t like to have wet feet. When you do water, water thoroughly.

Home Made Soil Recipe
5 parts perlite
4 parts bagged potting soil
1 part coarse sand
Pinch of rock dust
Top-dress the container soil with small river rock, gravel, aquarium stone, or a fine-grade roofing gravel to keep the crowns of the plants from rotting.
To increase acidity just slightly—something all succulents like—add 1 tablespoon white vinegar to 5 gallons water when watering.