

# Succulent Pumpkin Challenge and Raffle

## October 25 to November 29, 2021

Hey MIIA friends! Sara is back! Do you need some decorating ideas for the fall? Join Sara Barrios for a Pre-Recorded workshop as she shows us how to turn a pumpkin into a living work of art! No carving needed, as freshly cut succulents and dried mosses sit on top of the pumpkin.

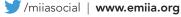
\*A list of supplies for your creations is included below and Sara will show you in her video as well.

### Here's our raffle opportunity for the video!

#### View the video

- Assemble your own succulent pumpkin.
- Send us a photo and your information form (below) by November 29, 2021 to Mary Harrington at mharrington@mma.org.
- Each name will be entered into our raffle. MIIA will randomly choose 5 lucky winners. Winners will be notified by Dec 6, 2021.
- Raffle prizes include a choice of:
  - MIIA Gardener's kit
  - Felco pruning shears; item FELCO 6
  - \$50 Duncraft Wild Bird Superstore
  - \$50 Etsy gift card
  - \$50 gift card to Michaels
  - \$50 gift card to BIPOC owned Lukafit





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### Directions and guidelines:

- View Sara's video.
- Take a photo or 2 of your piece(s).
- Submit photo(s) and the completed information form on the next page by 5:00 pm November 29, 2021 to Mary Harrington at mharrington@mma.org.
- Only MIIA/BCBS members are eligible for the raffle
- Raffle winners will be notified by 5:00 pm December 6, 2021.
- Raffle winners and photos will be posted in our e-newsletter with permission.

#### **Supplies for Succulent Pumpkin:**

- Small to medium size pumpkin or gourd, with a flatter top
- Sharp pair of clippers
- Aleene's tacky glue
- Aleene's tacky spray adhesive
- Handful of spagnum moss
- Assorted colored dried mosses such a reindeer,
  Spanish and forest mosses
- Assorted succulents such as sempervivum, echeveria, sedums, string of pearls
- Optional dried botanicals such as seeded eucalyptus, preserved ferns, mini lotus pods
- A simple wooden dowel about 4-6"
- Disposable shallow vessel to house glue in, such as a baking cup
- Paper towels

#### Sara's tips:

- Choose mosses and succulents which have different textures and contrasting shades.
- Mosses and glues are available at Michael's craft store.
- Succulents can be always found at your local garden center. Box stores too if you hit them within 2 weeks of a fresh delivery, otherwise they get leggy and aren't properly cared for.
- Dish gardens with assorted succulents are a much better value than buying a bunch of 2". Also, a 4" pot with multiple plants (cuttings) is still a better value than individual 2" singles.
- Prep work Cut succulents the night before to about 1-1/2" and allow the wound to dry overnight.
- How to care for your succulent pumpkin.
  - Once a week, fill a container with water, turn your pumpkin over and soak for about 3-5 seconds. The most important thing is to get the bed of spagnum moss wet underneath the succulents. This is how your succulents will hydrate themselves by rooting into the moss!
     Choose a bright area to display your pumpkin as succulents need a lot of light.
  - Once the pumpkin has naturally decomposed, the entire top can be removed and replanted into soil, or broken up into smaller pieces and planted. Then, water lightly every 2 weeks.



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Please complete this form. Attach the form and your photos to the email you send to Mary Harrington at mharrington@mma.org. Deadline is 5:00 pm November 29, 2021.

Personal information:
Name: Employer:
MIIA/BCBS subscriber:
Phone:Mailing address:
If your name is pulled in our raffle, do you give permission to:
Use your first name and last initial in the newsletter and our website?
Use your photo(s) in the newsletter and our website?





Thank you for participating and for sending us your photos!