VERTICAL GARDENING DIRECTIONS

SOIL
Try and find a mix that is for cactus and succulents. You can also use other types of planter mixes. These planter mixes can have improved drainage if you add up to 50% of one of the following: coarse sand, pumice, perlite, or crushed lava to the mix.

SUCCULENT CUTTINGS
A succulent is a plant with thick, fleshy water storage in their leaves, stems, or roots. You can harvest succulent cuttings from your own garden plants or purchase plants from your local nursery. You will not damage your plants by taking cuttings from them and they will grow back quickly where they were trimmed. Give the new cuttings a few days to heal at the point of the cut. Here they will form a scab and will be ready to plant.

PLANTING
Fill the wood box with soil. Try overfilling and shaking the box so the soil will settle. Brush off the excess soil to expose the screen. Water the soil until slightly moist. If your cutting has a long stem, you may need to cut off the lower leaves before planting. Poking a pencil in the soil will help to make an opening for the cutting. If the stem is short, then place the cutting in the soil and nestle it down. The new plants will begin to root in 4 to 6 weeks. **Do Not Water** during rooting time.

GROWING AND WATERING
Succulents grown indoors prefer bright light in a south facing window. If grown outdoors, avoid full sun. Succulents need to be protected from frost. After rooting time, you may begin to water lightly every 10 to 14 days, letting the soil dry between watering. **Overwatering** is the single most common cause of plant rot and failure. Watering once a month in winter is sufficient.Your vertical garden piece will be ready to hang in 10 to 12 weeks. and let the soil drain before hanging up again. You may also use your garden piece as a beautiful table top decoration. To water vertical gardens, remove from the wall, lay flat, water lightly and let the soil drain before hanging up again.You may also use your garden piece as a beautiful table top decoration.