

Succulent City



LEAF PROPAGATION
CHEAT SHEET



STEP

01

It's vital that you get a clean break when separating the leaf from the succulent. That means there should be no extra plant matter left on the leaf or stem.

To ensure you get that clean break, grab the leaf close to the base and wiggle it gently side to side. There shouldn't be much "pulling" involved.

A pair of white gardening gloves and a green leaf with a white callus on a wooden surface. The gloves are positioned in the upper right, and the leaf is in the lower left. The wooden surface is light-colored with visible grain and screws.

STEP

02

Now that they're separated, both the mother plant and the leaf have an open wound. You have to let it "callus" over (that's the plant version of scabbing).

Just set the leaf in a dry place and wait a week, a dish on the windowsill works great.

A person's hands are holding a hexagonal glass terrarium. Inside, there are several plants: a tall, thin, grass-like plant on the left, a small succulent with yellow-green leaves in the center, and a large, spiky aloe vera plant on the right. The base of the terrarium is filled with dark grey pebbles and some green moss. The background is a blurred white fabric.

STEP

03

Once the mother plant is callused, resume watering and treat it like normal.

Don't water the leaf propagation until roots appear. It's pointless since they can't drink water without roots anyway.



STEP

04

You can put the leaf on dirt at any point, but don't try burying it (or its roots).

The succulent will take care of it.

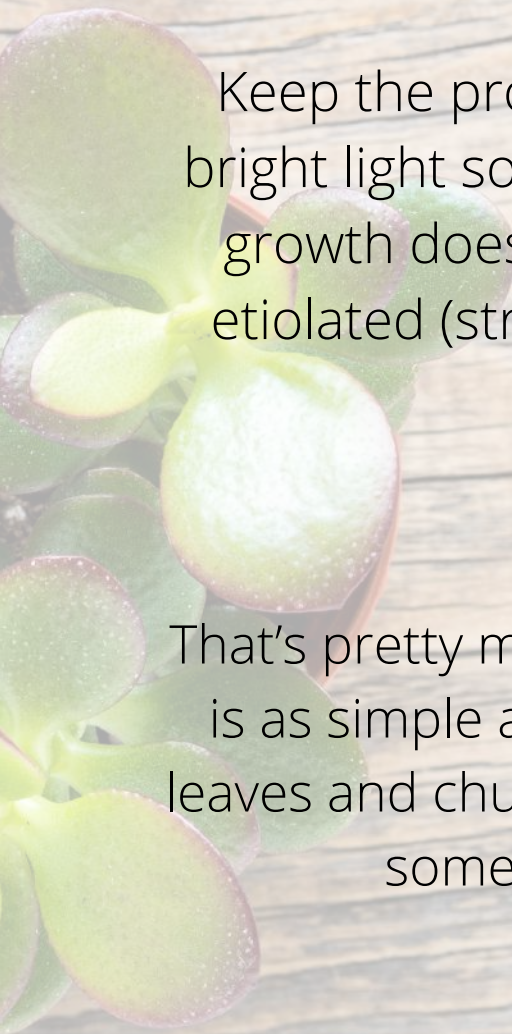
Once the roots show up, endeavor to keep them moist. Use a spray bottle to mist the leaf every couple of days.

STEP

05

Keep the propagation in bright light so that the new growth doesn't become etiolated (stretched out).

That's pretty much it! It really is as simple as pulling the leaves and chucking them on some dirt.



How to Propagate Succulents Successfully

It's a lot more cost-effective to grow your own succulents. Fortunately, succulents naturally come equipped with an amazing ability regrow from leaves or branches... and that means free plants!

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