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From Seed to Harvest: A beginner's guide to growing Sedum

Sedum is a perennial plant that has thick, succulent leaves and its star-shaped flowers bloom in clusters. This plant has many different varieties and it can grow low to the ground or have a longer stem and be a taller plant. The lower varieties are often used as groundcover and the taller varieties are frequently used as back borders. Sedum are easy to care for and are hardy, tolerant plants. Sedum can bloom in a variety of colors, including yellow and pink.

To plant:

Sedum seeds should be planted in the early spring. Space the seeds 6 inches apart for smaller varieties and two feet apart for larger varieties. Sedum also can be planted from divisions or cuttings. To plant sedum from cuttings, place the cut end of the plant into the soil and it should root easily. For divisions, keep the root ball level with the soil when placing in a hole. Then, fill in the hole. When planting divisions or cuttings, do so in the summer because this is when they root the easiest.

To grow:

Most times, sedum prefers full sun. However, some of the low growing varieties can tolerate partial shade. These plants do not require much care once they become established, but gardeners should still check them regularly to make sure the soil isn't dry and in need of water. Once the plant is finished flowering for the season, cut it back to maintain its shape or try to contain the plant to one area. To help keep the plant from spreading, divide them in the spring or fall.



[Sedum seed available at ufseeds.com](http://ufseeds.com)

To harvest:

Sedum work great as cut flowers to display in a bouquet because of their longer stems and long-lasting blooms. When using them as cut flowers, plant a taller variety so you have more stem to work with compared to a shorter variety.

What Sedum craves:

Sedums are easy to grow and they don't require too much fertilizer to help them along. Usually, the only fertilizer needed to encourage sedum growth is a handful of all-purpose granular fertilizer. Sprinkle this on the soil each spring, and that should be all the sedum plant requires. After applying the granular fertilizer, water it into the soil. If the sedum is planted in rich soil, only fertilize it every other year.

Where to buy Sedum seeds:

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