

# Southern Accents

# YEAR-ROUND COLOR

SIMPLE IDEAS  
FOR EVERYDAY  
FLOWERS



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PARTY  
SOLUTIONS

EXPERT  
TIPS &  
TRICKS

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## PLANTING IN POTS

Most commercial potting mixes are too rich and hold too much water for succulents, so plant them in a mix of half potting soil and half sand to facilitate drainage. Let it dry out between waterings, and never let your plant sit in a saucer of water.



## EASY DOES IT

A small footed glass vase is a perfect showcase for a single plant of hen and chickens. Start with a bed of gravel or decorative rocks, and add your plant. The effect is reminiscent of

# THE DROUGHT-RESISTANT GARDEN

ATLANTA LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT WILLIAM T. SMITH OFFERS HIS TOP FIVE TIPS FOR COPING WITH DRY TIMES.

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## CHOOSE WELL

Rely on perennials and bulbs during times of drought.

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## THINK ABOUT LOCATION

Keep it simple. Match the plant to the location in the garden. Choose plants that are likely to thrive under specific conditions. Learn whether a plant prefers shade or sun, dry ground or wet, and you will never make the mistake of planting the wrong one in the wrong place.

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## KEEP AN OPEN MIND

Realize you are going to have changes in growing conditions from season to season and year to year. Plan ahead. Some perennials are tough as nails and can survive better than others. Good choices are false indigo, stokesia, gaura, dusty miller, coneflowers, goldenrods, daylilies, Siberian irises, patrinia, and lupines.

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## RELY ON SHRUBS

You can get an incredible bounty of flowers from woody shrubs such as clethra, fothergilla, sweetspire, viburnum, chaste trees, spiraea, weigela, bluebeard, fringe trees, deutzia, quince, and mock orange. If you drive out in the countryside, you will see huge, old bushes that have stood the test of time with absolutely no care.

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## GROUND COVER

Every lawn will need some water at some time, but consider using mondo grass.