

Sunset Hens and Chicks



Sempervivum tectorum 'Sunset'

- **Use:** Among the easiest plants to grow, Hen-and-chicks tolerate heat, drought and neglect with style. Useful in rock gardens, container gardens of all types, rock walls and rooftop and vertical gardens. Hundreds of varieties exist. All types form a low cushion or carpet of fleshy leaves, tiny new plants appearing in a circle around the mother in the middle. Hardy, drought-tolerant little plants form a dense, jewel-like ground cover. It will thrive and multiply in even the toughest growing conditions.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Need plenty of outdoor sunlight to show their best colors and maintain a tight rosette form. They thrive in gritty, well-draining soils and pots with drainage holes. They produce new offsets or "chicks" on stolons. These chicks can be left to form tidy clusters or removed to share and transplant. Amend red clay for good drainage.
- **Growth:** Grows 3-6" tall and 1-2' wide. Spreads more over time, but not invasive.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-10; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Semi-evergreen. Red and green rosette. It has an apple green base with strong burgundy tips. It flushes fully red in winter and then produces lots of new offsets each spring.
- **Flower:** Bright rose-pink flowers appear on leafy, 4-inch stems in summer.



Spreading slowly to form a dense mat, this drought tolerant succulent is perfect for planting in crevices of stone walkways and walls. Attractive in containers.