

Lamb's Ear

Stachys byzantina

Lamb's ear, *Stachys byzantina*, is an easy-care perennial with wooly gray-green leaves and lavender colored flower spikes. It makes an attractive accent in a container or excellent groundcover that invites you to experience its soft "wool", like those cute little ears of a baby sheep.

Type: perennial ground cover that is part of the mint family

USDA hardiness zones: 4a through 9b

Uses: herb gardens, borders, containers

Origin: not native to Florida

Height: 1 to 1.5 feet **Spread:** 1 to 1.5 feet

Plant spacing: 1 to 3 feet

Light requirement: full sun to partial shade

Soil tolerances: Dry to medium well drained soil

Drought tolerance: high, once established

Soil salt tolerances: medium

Invasive potential: spreads quickly, can be invasive in North America

Pest resistance: generally pest resistant

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