

Stachys - Growing Guide

Growing *Stachys Lanata* 'Silver Carpet'

This plant, unusually, does not actually flower and its common name is 'lambs' ears' which, perhaps, adequately describes its intensely silvered greyish white laves. It is a vigorous clump or mat forming perennial which is a useful filler or in-fill in a lower growing herbaceous border or in a border with a white and silver theme. It is also ideal for rockeries.

It has long woolly oblong leaves in rosettes which grow to a maximum of about 12in but with a much greater spread overall. Propagation is by division of rooted sections of the clump in spring as growth starts away. The clumps may well not die down completely in milder areas of the country and therefore there is not much tidying up to do in autumn.

This is a totally hardy plant.



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