



For the joy of gardening!

Estabrook's

HUMMELO BETONY CARE

LIGHT

Hummelo betony, sold as *Stachys monieri* or *Betonica*, grows in full sun to partial shade. Choose a position with good light for abundant purple-pink flower spikes and room for a neat foliage clump. This is a flowering betony with green textured leaves, distinct from silver-leaved lamb's ears.

WATER

Water slowly after planting and check the root ball and nearby soil before watering again. Keep roots evenly moist during establishment without saturation. Adjust for rain, heat, and drainage rather than a fixed schedule; new plants need checking before established neighbors show stress.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use well-drained garden soil and plant at nursery depth with the crown at the surface. Mulch lightly without covering growing points. Weed gently and allow room for mature spread. Avoid soil compaction or burying the crown under compost.

FEEDING

Use a soil test to guide feeding and pH changes. Established plants may need little fertilizer. Apply modestly in spring if needed, following the label. Avoid heavy nitrogen and check moisture or root problems before treating weak growth as deficiency.

SEASONAL CARE

Remove spent flower stalks after the main flush for a tidier appearance and possible additional flowers. Keep healthy basal foliage rather than repeatedly cutting the entire clump down. Remove dead material before new spring growth, and divide established clumps when crowding or weak centers make renewal useful.

HELPFUL TIPS

Textured green leaves and upright purple-pink spikes are normal features. Hummelo can tolerate some dryness once rooted but looks best with dependable establishment moisture. Winter foliage appearance varies with conditions. If flowering is poor, check shade and plant vigor before feeding heavily or applying a treatment.