WOOLLY THYME

LIGHT

Choose full sun for a dense, silvery mat. Woolly thyme suits rock gardens, dry border edges and spaces between stepping stones. Avoid a shaded, damp position.

WATER

Water young plants until roots establish, allowing drainage after each soaking. Established mats need little extra water except during extended drought. Wet foliage and saturated soil encourage decay.

SOIL & PLANTING

Use very well-drained sandy, gravelly or rocky soil. Set the crown at its original level and keep surrounding soil from washing over the mat. Heavy clay and wet winter sites are unsuitable.

FEEDING

Feed sparingly, if at all, in reasonably fertile ground. Avoid rich topdressings that bury the foliage. Too much feeding and moisture can spoil the plant's tight form.

SEASONAL CARE

Lightly trim wandering growth to maintain the outline. In spring, remove dead portions carefully without tearing healthy rooted stems. Keep fallen leaves from smothering the low mat through wet weather.

HELPFUL TIPS

Woolly thyme is an ornamental groundcover, not a kitchen herb. It can tolerate light incidental foot contact after establishment, but stepping stones should carry regular traffic. Check the tag's winter rating for your location, and give container roots extra protection.