**Lady's Mantle**  
Herbaceous Perennial Flower, Herb

Also known as Lady's Cloak  
*Alchemilla sp. (Alchemilla vulgaris, Alchemilla mollis)*  
Rosaceae Family

Both species of this historic medicinal herb produce attractive, low-growing plants for border and rock garden planting. Flower stems arch above foliage in early June through July.

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| **Sunlight:** | Lifecycle: perennial | Tolerates:  
- frost |
| - full sun  
- part shade | Ease-of-care: easy | Special characteristics:  
- deer resistant  
- non-aggressive - Self seeds, but not hard to control.  
- non-invasive  
- not native to North America - Native to Europe. |
| **Soil conditions:** | Height: 1 to 2 feet | Special uses:  
- cut flowers  
- dried flowers - Fine inflorescence texture makes an excellent dried flower. |
| - requires well-drained soil | Spread: 1.5 to 2.5 feet | |
| **Hardiness zones:** | Bloom time:  
- early summer  
- mid-summer | |
| - 3 to 7 | Early June through July. | |
| **Special locations:** | Flower color:  
- yellow  
- green | |
| - rock gardens | Small flowers are yellow-green and in highly branched clusters. | |
| | **Foliage color:** gray-green | |
| | Leaves are soft grayish-green. | |
| | **Foliage Texture:** coarse | |
| | Gleaming drops of moisture gather in stem joints in *Alchemilla vulgaris.* | |
| | **Shape:** cushion, mound or clump | |
Forms a low fibrous clump.

**Shape in flower:** same as above

Erect flowerstems borne above mound of foliage.

### Growing Information

**How to plant:**

Propagate by seed, division or separation - Divide plants in spring or late summer by root division.

Plant self-sows. If starting plants from seed, then sow seeds in moist, rich, alkaline soil.

**Maintenance and care:**

Deadhead flowers to prevent self seeding.

Cutting back and watering in summer can produce new fall growth.

Lime should be added if soil tends to be acid.

More growing information: [How to Grow Perennials](#)

### Varieties

Most commonly cultivated species are *Alchemilla mollis* and *Alchemilla vulgaris*.

*Alchemilla mollis* is similar in appearance to *Alchemilla vulgaris* but smaller and more robust. It is used in flower beds for decorative purposes.

Leaves of *Alchemilla vulgaris* are used for medicinal and cosmetic purposes.