



Exploring Ikebana

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- The ancient art of Ikebana is still relatively unknown to many. This book aims to change this and offers a brief introduction and fantastic try-it-yourself examples

The word Ikebana rings a bell for most, but not many people can define it or grasp its essence. *Exploring Ikebana* seeks to change this. This book is a comprehensive introduction into the art and unveils some of the secrecy and philosophical ideas projected into this ancient Japanese style of flower design. A no-nonsense but nonetheless respectful approach to the art, that will demonstrate that Ikebana arrangements are achievable for all. After a thorough introductory chapter on materials, the different schools, techniques, dos and don'ts, tools, colours, schemes and (viewing) angles; this books presents arrangements in traditional and modern styles, made with natural and contemporary materials. Every arrangement is richly illustrated with detailed step-by-step photographs of the creative process, making it easy for even the novice to follow and to come to a correct and enjoyable result. And in the end, enjoying the fleeting beauty of flowers to the fullest is what Ikebana is all about.

