

A still life photograph of a wooden table. In the center is a clear glass vase. To the left is a branch with green leaves. In front of the vase are several individual green leaves. To the right is a pair of black-handled scissors and a small piece of wood or stem. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Flower Care 101

Key steps to care for your fresh cut flowers:

- 1** Fill a vase with lukewarm water and add a recommended floral preservative (if available)
- 2** Carefully remove the flowers from the wrap or sleeves they have been transported in, flowers need to breathe!
- 3** Remove any foliage which will be under water, this will help to keep the water clear and clean.
- 4** With a sharp knife or scissors make an angled cut 3.5cm off the stem ends. This exposes a fresh part of the stem and allows the flower to absorb water.
- 5** Immediately arrange flowers as desired and place in a cool position away from draughts, sun and ripening fruit.

Every 3-4 days repeat the above steps again.

For more information on caring for cut flowers visit your local florist or check out our Flower Care page at feelgoodwithflowers.co.nz