



Inspiring Ikebana

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- Ikebana artist Ilse Beunen reveals her sources of inspiration and how to translate these into floral designs
- Contains more than 40 step by step designs
- Text in English

Inspiring Ikebana is the sequel to *Exploring Ikebana*, the first book by world famous ikebana artist Ilse Beunen. Throughout her career she has been inspired by many different things and as all artists do, she is continually looking for inspiration to create something new and innovative. Having written a comprehensive introduction to the ancient Japanese art of flower arrangement, she reveals in this new book several sources of inspiration: nature, the four seasons, festivals, vases and containers, artificial material, art and emotions.

More than 40 stunning ikebana creations, both in traditional and modern styles, are lavishly illustrated with detailed step by step photographs of the creative process, making it easy to follow and achieve a great result.

Ilse Beunen lived in Japan from 1989 to 2000 where she studied Japanese garden design and Ikebana. Back in Belgium she set up her own Ikebana school in Antwerp. She has been President of the Belgian Sogetsu Azalea Study Group and has received the prestigious 90th Anniversary Commemorative Overseas Akane Teshigahara Award. Using social media, she is working hard to teach and increase awareness for Ikebana worldwide. She has ten thousand followers on Facebook and Instagram, and manages an online ikebana video channel.

