

## Ikebana Containers Owner Instructions

When you purchase my Ikebana containers, you will find they come with a frog (also called a Kenzan) for arranging your flowers/weeds. They often come with a carefully chosen object from nature as well. The arrangements come with the containers. If they are dried, they can be mailed to where you are. If they are fresh/living, you would need to be local. (Pagosa Springs, Colorado)

My Ikebana arrangements and containers are about balance. The objects I find to go with the containers need to somehow create a balance with the shape of the pot, the glaze, and my arrangements. You will find that often the container has a specific place of balance on or with the natural object and the frog (Kenzan) has a specific place of balance within the container.

You will become the creator when you purchase my Ikebana pieces. My hope is that it becomes a connection with nature for you, that you look for and find interesting parts of plants/flowers/twigs etc. to arrange yourself. Arrangements last a long time and continue to live, if water is kept in the container. Twigs will eventually leaf out, given enough time. You can change your arrangements often, if you wish. The Ikebana philosophy is that Ikebanas are living arrangements bringing nature into your home. Simple asymmetrical arrangements are encouraged for a more natural look and more visual interest. Seasonally, dried arrangements are appealing as well with no water required. When you begin to look outside, there is no end of interesting plants to choose from in every season, and you begin to see your surroundings through completely different eyes. Enjoy the creative process and the pleasing results, connecting you with the outdoors wherever you find a special place in your home for your Ikebana environment.

Thank you for your purchase!  
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