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Here are a few general tips for all cut flowers to ensure that the flowers open up and last to their full potential.

**Cut the Stem Ends**

Cut around 1 inch (2.5cm) off the end of the stem, at an angle, using clean scissors or a sharp knife. To ensure that the stem ends are open and take up water.

**Remove Lower Foliage**

Carefully remove all the foliage that would go in the water, as it may rot, encouraging bacteria in the water. Remove excess foliage as well, as a lot of water goes through the leaves.

**Placing the Flowers**

Place the flowers in a clean vase with fresh warm water. Choose a light, cool spot to place your florals. Avoid direct sunlight and proximity to heaters, fireplaces, air conditioning units and draughts, as these will dehydrate the flowers.

Do not place your flowers next to ripening fruit and vegetables, as they give out a ripening hormone that will deteriorate the flowers.

**Remove Damaged Flowers & Foliage**

Remove any flowers or leaves that are damaged or that wilt. They may affect the life of the rest of the flowers.

**Change the Water & Re-cut the Stems**

Frequently changing the water and re-cutting the stem ends will ensure a good, steady flow of water up the stem. Change the water and re-cut the stems every two days.

**Special Care**

In addition, to the above recommendations, special care is required for some cut flowers.

- Frequent misting for orchid flowers.
- When hydrangeas look limp, place the whole flower head in water for up to one hour.

**Please don't hesitate to contact Sonya Flower for individual cut flower care.**

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We hope you enjoy your blooms as much as we did creating them,

all the best, Sonya

