

WHAT TO BRING TO IKENOBO CLASS

The following list of materials is recommended for anyone taking Ikenobo classes. Please plan to arrive at the lesson site no later than 9AM to set up and be prepared for the lesson to begin at 9:30AM.

Equipment	Description	Where Found
Hasami (scissors) or pruners*	Ikenobo style best Pruners can be used, but hasami are better!	Naples Ikebana International Ginza www.ikebananaples.com
Kenzan or needlepoint holder*	Maru #8 (3 1/8" minimum), #9 or #10 better Cheaper American type usable, but difficult	Naples Ikebana International Ginza www.ikebananaples.com
Small pebbles or gravel	For raising kenzan in vase to higher level. Must be small sized gravel no bigger than your pinky finger nail.	Aquarium pebbles are great, buy prewashed kind in beige tones at any pet supply store. Try Driftwood or Stephanie English has some for sale at every class for \$5 a bag.
Flare Vase or compote*	Tall, mouth of container wider than bottom Appropriate for –Rikka, Shoka, Freestyle arrangements	Ikebana International Ginza Home Goods T.J. Maxx Ikenobo chapter has some containers for sale or loan.
Instruction books	Invitation to Ikenobo (series of 8 books), Joy of Ikebana Ikenobo, Mary Tagahasi book and others	Always available to purchase at classes.
Notebook, pen, paper	For taking notes and filing class handouts	Office supply store or drug store
Lesson log	To keep track of your lessons in the event you wish to secure certificates (degrees)	Download one from our web site, www.ikenobonaples.com
Bucket and small pitcher	For storing materials during class and transporting arrangement home; filling container w/water	Hardware store; Wal-Mart
Grass cloth mat or small plastic tarp	To protect table surface while working on arrangement	Hardware or beach supply store or Wal-Mart; also a plastic shower curtain liner cut in half works
Garbage bag	To dispose of your clippings	Recycle a paper bag or plastic bag from your shopping trips
Towels, cloth or paper	For clean up	
Your lunch	We stop in between the AM and PM lesson for lunch	
Cash or checkbook	To pay for items purchased	
Camera	You will want to take a picture of what you created in class.	

*If you are unable to purchase/find these items prior to class, contact Stephanie English at 239-390-2881 or www.ikenobonaples.com

The following items are suggested for any student and especially those taking the Level II classes.

Ukezutsu and chop sticks	Small, medium, large copper water holders for Rikka; chop sticks for extending height of ukezutsu	Stephanie English can order these for you.
Large clippers	For larger plant material, branches	Hardware or garden stores
Small sharp scissors	For trimming leaves and other material	
Floral tape	Green, light green, brown	Always available to purchase at classes.
Vinyl Tape	Clear, waterproof	Always available to purchase at classes.
Stem tape	For wicking water up to stems that have been mechanically extended	Stephanie English has tape for sale to Ikenobo Students
Wire	16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 gauge (Wire on spools not appropriate)	Always available to purchase at classes.
Wire Cutters and Pliers	To bend wire and pinch stems	Hardware stores
Wire Case	Very handy for keeping that wire straight! An 18-20" piece of PVC pipe also works.	Stephanie English has some for sale
Scissor cleaner	To clean and slightly sharpen your hasami	Ikebana ginza
Band Aids	Scissors and wire are sharp!	Drug store
Travel size hand lotion	To remove pine tar from hands	Drug store
WD 40	To keep scissors, clippers lubricated	Hardware or drug store
Needlenose pliers	For bending wire and inserting wire into stems	Hardware store, Sears
Kenzans, other	Kusamon (grass kenzan) for fine materials Ashitsuki (has stem for anchoring into gravel—this keeps the kenzan from sliding around)	Ikebana International Ginza or Stephanie English can order these for you.
Pin straightener	Cleans the Kenzan and straightens bent pins	Ikebana International Ginza