

## Long-life fresh flowers for the vase

Lloyd Phillips found an interesting new product at Nampo to make a lasting impression on the fairer sex.

Constantly keeping the home bright and beautiful with fresh flowers can become an expensive, tedious task. And in winter there are few attractive flowers left to pick.

Iluba Longlife Fresh Flowers are just what you need to beautify your home without the fuss.

**'ONCE TREATED, OUR FLOWERS HAVE A SIX-MONTH VASE LIFE AND REQUIRE NO WATERING OR MAINTENANCE.'**

Using state-of-the-art technology, the company, based in Muldersdrift, Johannesburg, has mastered the art of naturally preserving fresh flowers and retaining their colour, beauty, texture and even fragrance for up to six months.

### THE BENEFITS

"Firstly, all flowers and foliage are premium quality," company representative Anna-Lize Leonard explains.

"Once treated, they have a six-month vase life and require no watering or maintenance. Our flowers offer huge savings on the replacement cost of fresh flowers, and are a natural alternative to artificial flowers."

The flowers are versatile and suitable for a wide range of décor applications, including bouquets, mass arrangements, entrance

hall arrangements, table, chair and pew décor, wall décor, wreaths, rose balls, gift boxes and window displays.

In addition to private homes, they are also ideal for hotels, lodges and corporate offices.

While the range currently features roses and foliage such as leather leaf, Virginia green and viburnum, the company is expanding this to include lilies, gerberas, hydrangeas and peonies.

"Our treatment process is eco-friendly, using inert chemicals. By buying our flowers you reduce your carbon footprint. We also recycle all our waste products," adds Anna-Lize.

In addition to its showroom in Muldersdrift, Iluba has stockists in various areas of the Highveld and Durban. Prices vary according to the style of arrangement.

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Tradeweld's Plasma Cut 40 single phase 220V inverter-based plasma cutter is a handy, cost-effective tool that speeds up cutting mild steel, stainless steel and non-ferrous metals of up to 8mm. Chris Nel reports.

**ABOVE:** The plasma cutter is an efficient, cost-effective alternative to the conventional oxy-acetylene cutting torch, angle grinder or saw. COURTESY OF FRAGRAM

## A clean, quick cut

This plasma cutter cuts cleanly and accurately without distorting the material or leaving behind fragments of metal. It is ideal for panel beaters, exhaust shops, sheet metal fabrication or light agricultural use.

(the cutting tip) and an air electrode under high pressure. An electric charge, combined with the ionised air, creates the cutting arc at an extremely high temperature of around 25 000°C.

**'PLASMA CUTTING IS IONISED AIR FORCED THROUGH A SMALL ORIFICE.'**

It is lightweight, portable and extremely versatile, the perfect alternative to more traditional cutting and welding methods for professionals, DIY enthusiasts and hobbyists.

Doing away with the cumbersome and expensive oxygen and acetylene gas cylinders and hoses, it increases productivity.

The principle of plasma cutting is to ionise air that is forced through a small orifice

A 24ℓ/min compressor set to 4-bar supplies sufficient air. The Tradeweld Plasma Cut 40 runs at a 60% duty cycle on single phase 220VAC from a standard 15A mains power socket.

It comes with a PT31 plasma cutting torch, water trap, regulator, starter pack, air hoses and instructional DVD.

It retails at about R4 000 and is available at Fragram Tools stockists countrywide.

• To locate a stockist, e-mail [fragram@lgtools.co.za](mailto:fragram@lgtools.co.za). ■FW

**BELOW:** Yes, these Iluba Longlife Fresh Flowers are real and will last up to six months. Anna-Lize Leonard and her team use an environmentally friendly preservation process. LLOYD PHILLIPS