Botanical Name

Genus: *Alstroemeria*
Species: *aurantiaca*
Family:

**Common Names:** Lily of the Incas, Peruvian Lily, Alstroemeria
General Description:

Long stems up to 90 cm are topped with several (usually 5 to 10) lily-shaped flowers arranged in a circular pattern at the top. Flowers have black or dark brown spots or leaves are pointed and dark green.
Colours Available

stripes and come in a range of colours: yellow, red, purple, pink, orange, lavender, and white.

**Available Colours:** Orange, Pink, Purple, Red, White, Yellow
Availability:

Alstromeria is now available all year round
What to look for:

- Buds need to be fully expanded and coloured, with at least one flower per floret open;
- Avoid bunches with yellow leaves
Flower Care:

1. Keep cool at all times. Alstroemeria do not need to be refrigerated, but need to be kept out of direct sunlight.
2. Wear gloves. This flower can cause an allergic reaction in some people.
3. Strip leaves from the bottom half of each stem.
4. Recut at least 2 cm off each stem and place in water immediately.
Flower Care:

5. Always use a preservative as this will help buds open and keep open flowers looking fresh.
6. Replace vase water with fresh preservative every day.
7. This flower is ethylene sensitive. Keep them away from fruit, car exhausts and cigarette smoke.
Interesting Facts about this Flower:

• Alstroemeria was named after Baron Claus von Alstroemer by his close friend Carolus (Carl) Linnaeus, the famous botanist who invented the Linnaean classification system we still use today.

• The plant's seeds were among many collected by Alstroemer on a trip to South America in 1753.
References

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