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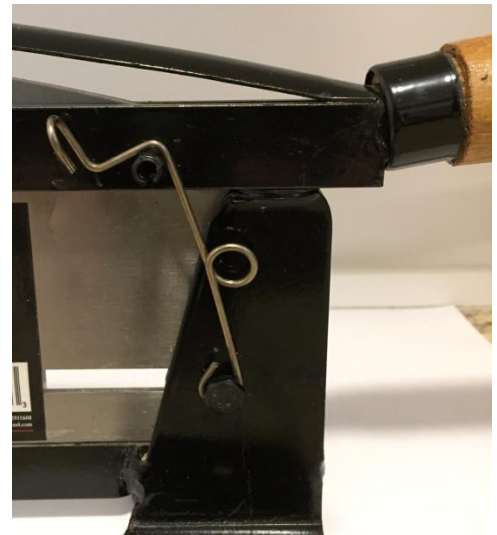
The floral stem cutter reduces labor and saves time by cutting all the stems of a single bouquet at once. In addition to the gained efficiency, this also results in a nicer bouquet with stems of an even length. The blade is sharp, making for a clean cut and fewer torn or damaged stems.



### SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

As a tool designed for slicing through several stems at one time, there are some very important safety precautions to be aware of.

- The blade is very sharp and can cause bodily harm if used incorrectly. Keep fingers and other body parts away from the blade while the floral stem cutter is in use.
- Lower the cutting arm and use the wire safety lock when not in use.
- To aid in preventing injury, always mount the stem cutter to a sturdy surface before use.
- Keep out of the reach of children.
- The use of eye protections is advisable.
- Use only for the intended use: to cut stems of flowers.



Wire safety latch in place with cutting arm lowered.

### ASSEMBLY:



The floral stem cutter comes pre-assembled. However, to prepare for use, always mount the stem cutter to a solid, sturdy surface. Suggested mounting surfaces include a work bench or a picnic table, as shown to the left.

The base of the floral stem cutter has four feet, each with one hole. Attach the cutter to your mounting surface by securing one screw in each hole.

## CUTTING STEMS:

1. Prepare and arrange your stems into a bouquet. The number of stems that can be cut at one time is variable, depending on the size of the stems and how rigid they are. The stem cutter should be able to easily slice through the stems; if it is struggling to do so, remove a few stems.

**Optional:** Removing foliage from stems can quickly be done with the Thorn and Leaf Stripper, seen to the right, and can be found in our catalog or on our website.



2. Firmly grasp the bouquet near the head of the flowers. Remember, the blade is sharp – fingers and hands should be kept well away.
3. Raise the cutting arm and place the stems on the blade. For thicker or more rigid stems, place them closer to the hinge to get more leverage.
4. Press down on the cutting arm until all stems have been cut. Several quick chops can also be used instead of one slice.



## MAINTENANCE:

- Carefully wipe down and clean the blade after each use.
- If it will be some time before your next use, coat the blade with a light machine oil.
- When the blade needs to be sharpened, carefully remove the blade from the base. Sharpen with a Diamond Hone Sharpener or Work Sharp, both available through Johnny's, then reassemble.
- If the blade becomes dull to the point where sharpening is inefficient, please contact us about ordering a replacement blade.

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