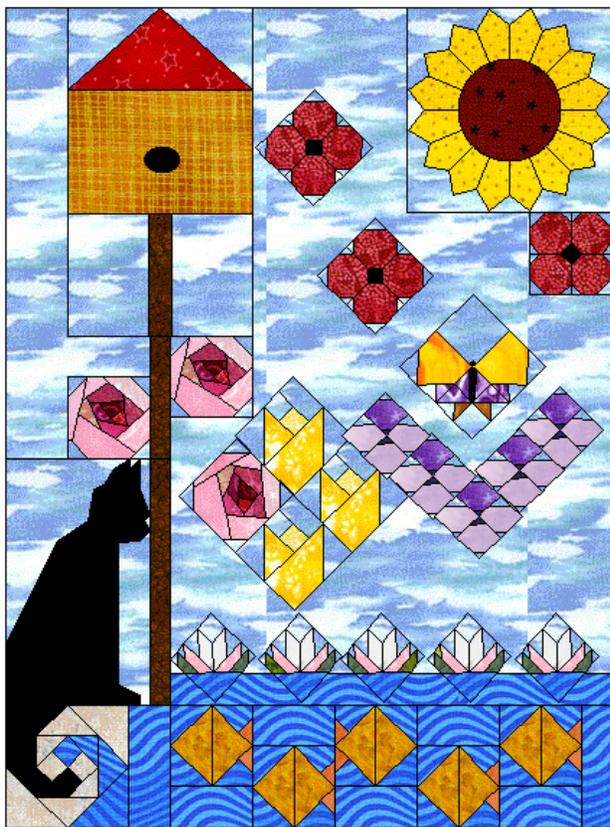


## Blue Mountain Quilters' Guild Block of the Month 2006/2007 The Magic Garden

This year, I have presented you with three options if you wish to complete a sampler quilt of this year's BOMs. The first option is a pictorial quilt - with some of the blocks divided into their components and arranged to make a picture of the garden. The second option uses the blocks as they will be handed out, simply sashed for a true sampler quilt. For those who want a memento but not a big quilt - the third option combines the individual flowers together with non-floral blocks into a small wall hanging. Do not feel obliged to finish a quilt for yourself.

Each month, the instructions and something to help you finish the block will be handed out at the meeting. If you like a block, and want to try it out - do one for the guild and bring it to the next meeting, where we will be able to see the different blocks and someone who contributed a block will win some or all of them. Do another for yourself if you want to do any of the quilts.

Pictorial Quilt (approximately 29 ½ by 40 inches):



This quilt shows the magic garden, with the cat watching the goldfish (or Koi), the roses twining around the pole to the birdhouse, and the huge sunflower looking down over the other flowers. It looks a little sparse in the picture - but with some added leaves, stems and other embellishments it should be quite stunning. Start thinking of what you could do.....

If you are completing a quilt for yourself, you will need approximately 1.5 metres of sky colour (it could be a night sky, a morning sky, a stormy sky or even a sunset sky but it shouldn't be directional - as some of the blocks are on point). You will also need 0.5 metres of water for the pond. These amounts will give you enough to play with but you might like to get extra to make the centre larger or to ensure you have plenty just in case.

The rest of the fabric can come from your stash - choose colours that you will like in your garden!

The Sampler quilt shows the blocks as they will be done for the individual months. The picture shows an arrangement that you might like to use. The centre is 31 by 42 plus whatever border size you prefer.

It will use approximately 0.6 metres for sashing plus your border. I have used a floral for the sashing, but any interesting fabric will do nicely. Don't forget to get enough for the binding. The poppy block and the winter pansies use some extra background to show them off.

You can choose one background for all the blocks, or a variety of backgrounds. Your cat can sit on the edge of the pond, or on the grass - depending on the fabrics you choose. Just have some fun with the blocks.

I will give you instructions for cutting the sashing in June.

Your final choice could be the much smaller wall hanging. It is only 23 by 26 inches and features one of each flower along with the non-floral blocks. You should be able to do the whole piece with less than a metre of sky fabric.

