



Jan 2021 ~ On the Border

Bending the Rules and Crossing the Borders

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Christmas Place Mat – Original Design by Lois





Poinsettia – Created by Lois with inspiration from Marilyn Malo, Saskatchewan Artist.

Last month in our “On The Border” article we talked about the fact that quilt borders do not have to be a solid frame. The comparison was made to landscaping your yard.

Following that theme, I raise the issue - could there be a border on just one side of your (yard) quilt? Two sides, three sides or should there be a border on all four sides? (In a future articles we will be discussing borderless projects.)

Should those borders be all the same, or are we breaking some cardinal rule if they were all different, or two or three of them different? Also, do the borders have to be even, or evenly spaced? Same colour and/or texture? Think of your landscaping!

Spilling Over the Borders

On many wall hangings we often find where the centre feature of the project continues onto the borders. This is a favorite of mine. I often have some feature spilling out over the border.

You could also have a feature that goes under the inner border and then continues onto the outer border! Why not! That is a suggestion for your future wall hangings.

Tropical Landscape – Created by Lois
with inspiration a T-Shirt.



Spilling Over the Borders



Spilling over the borders is easily planned for a wall hanging, but does it work on a full sized quilt?

Personally, I don't have a quilt to illustrate this, but **I do have this photo that I took at a quilt show (but don't remember where or when)** that illustrates how one could extend the top, pieced design beyond the traditional edges.

I know that most of you that are gardeners wouldn't have any difficulty with changing the width or size of some of your flower beds, or having some feature spill out of the traditional flower bed.

Why not try it when quilting?

Tree Landscape – Created by Lois using Gloria Loughman's Tile Technique (from Radiant Landscapes). Lois designed the tree and background landscape.





Have You Completed a Project Using these Techniques ?

We would love to see it
at **Show and Tell.**



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