Our gardens just wouldn’t work if we didn’t have beautiful, helpful butterflies flitting about. This month make a quilt covered with them. Summer Butterfly is the June block for this year’s Calendar Quilt. We owe you August’s and December’s; they’re coming. We look forward to seeing how you arrange your personalized calendar with all twelve of the blocks that we offered this past year.

**Summer Butterfly Fabric and Cutting:**
For the wings, front and back, you’ll need two pieces, each about the size of a fat eighth or ¼ yard. Think brights, think flowers, think butterflies. Choose a background with the sky, flowers, pathways, or waterways—really anything—in mind. One dark brown scrap or dark shade compatible with the color of the wings will do for the butterfly’s body. Afterward, you may embroider the antennae on the block or leave that for the winner of the blocks.

**Cutting Directions:** Label the pieces A through L as you cut them.

**Background:**
1. Cut one 2½” x 15” strip; sub-cut into four 2½” squares (A and E) and two 2” squares (F).
2. Cut one 1½” x 20” strip; sub-cut into one 1½” x 2½” rectangles (C), two 1½” squares (D), one 1½” x 2” rectangle (G) and two 1½” x 6” rectangles (H).
3. Cut one strip 3” x 6½”; sub-cut into two 3” squares (B)

**Front (top) wings:** Cut two 6” x 7½” pieces (J). For directional fabric mark the top.

**Back (bottom) wings:** Cut two 6” x 4½” pieces (K). Note the direction and mark the top, if necessary.

**Butterfly body:** Cut one 1½” x 9½” piece (L).

**Assembly Directions:**
1. Draw a diagonal line on each square: A, B, D, E, and F.
2. Sew C to one narrow end of L and G to the other. Measure and trim to 1½” x 12½”. Set aside.
3. Form the wings in steps 4 and 5. By adding background corners to the wing rectangles (two J’s and two K’s), you’ll shape the butterfly’s wings. Place the various background squares on assigned corners of the wing rectangles. Refer to the graph. Sew on the diagonal lines you drew. Press. Trim corners off leaving ¼” seams. Flip remaining corner up and press flat. Consult the diagram for placement and angle of sewing.
4. Place the J’s side by side, right side up, one on the right, one on the left. RST sew an A to the top outside corner of the right J. Repeat for the left J, noting reversed position. Similarly, sew B’s on top inside corners of left and right J’s. Sew D’s on bottom outside corners of J’s. Continue to consult diagram for correct placement and sewing angle of corners.
5. As above, sew E’s to top outside corners of left and right K’s. Sew F’s to bottom inside corners of K’s.
6. Sew right J wing to right K wing. Repeat for left J and K wings. Sew H to right bottom of FK. Repeat for left bottom of KF.
7. Sew right BJKFH to right side of butterfly body CLG. Sew left BJKFH to left side of CLG.
8. That does it. Press. Measure and square to 12½”. Embroider antennae to top of butterfly head.

Congratulations to Beth Robinson who won eight red, white and blue Celebrate the Fourth blocks from the July drawing. Beth, we look forward to seeing how you decide to use these blocks!

**BOM GUIDELINES:** Make one to three blocks, following the color and pattern directions above if you wish to enter your blocks into the monthly drawing. Your name is entered once for each block submitted. The winner gets to take home the blocks entered by other participants. Please attach your name, address and phone number to the back of your block(s). Consider including leftover scraps (pinned to the back or in an attached baggie) for the winner to use for borders or other finishing touches.

If you cannot bring the blocks to the meeting, mail them to the MQ office to arrive by Friday the week of the meetings. Mail to Block of the Month, Minnesota Quilters, Inc., 253 State Street, St. Paul, MN 55107.

The Block of the Month drawing is held at the Saturday meeting each month except December and June. Winners who are not present will be notified by phone or e-mail. Blocks may be picked up at the MQ office during the month or at the next meeting.