

CALENDAR SCREEN

This screen consists of twelve panels framed in carved blackwood. The floral decorations in each panel correspond to a certain month of the year.

The designs are formed by kingfisher feathers which are cut in the desired shape and gummed to thin plates of wood.

The kingfisher is found throughout China. It is caught alive by imitating its sound and by snaring it in small nets laid over the water. As soon as some of the beautiful plumage has been plucked, the bird is released.

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