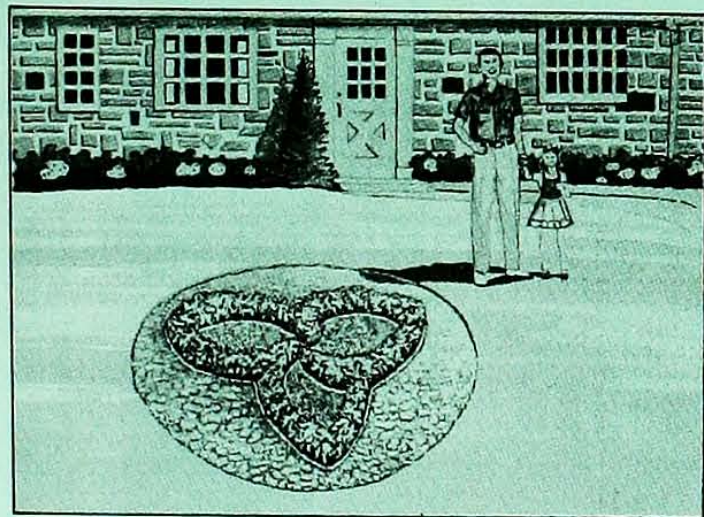


## Planting a Bicentennial Garden

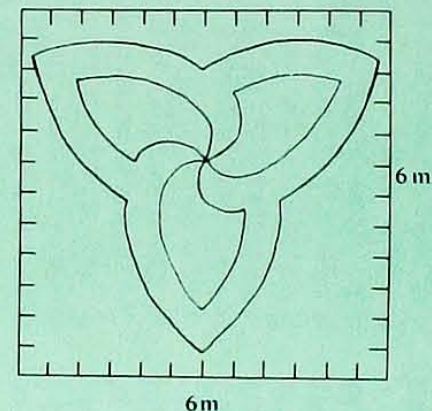


This year, people across Ontario are celebrating our province's Bicentennial. This 200th anniversary, marking the first major influx of settlers to this province and those who followed, offers all Ontarians an opportunity to share pride in our achievements and look forward to the future with enthusiasm.

School and community groups, volunteer organizations and many municipalities across the province are sponsoring special Bicentennial events and festivals. You can join the jubilee spirit and beautify your community by planting a Bicentennial garden. This garden was specially designed for home gardeners by the Niagara Parks Commission School of Horticulture. Complete instructions, including recommended plant materials, are listed on the back of this page.



First sketch your design to scale on graph paper. Most plants will do well at a spacing of 15 x 15 cm (6 x 6 inches) depending on growth habits, so each square on the graph will represent one plant. The garden will require a minimum space of 2 x 2 metres (6 x 6 feet). A bed this size would require about 150 plants which would cost approximately \$30-\$40.



**Trillium Border:** \*Dusty Miller, \*Kochia, \*Coleus, or \*Alyssum

**Inside Trillium:** Fibrous Begonia, Dwarf Petunia, Dwarf Salvia, Dwarf Marigolds, Dwarf Snapdragons, or Ageratum.

**Outside of Trillium:** \*Dusty Miller, \*Kochia, \*Coleus, \*Alyssum, or other materials such as white or colored stone chips, wood or bark chips.

\*occasional trimming or shearing may be required.

Many other plant forms offer good possibilities to the imaginative designer. Ask your local bedding plant supplier for advice.

### HELPFUL HINTS

1. Choose a location with adequate sunlight and good drainage that can be seen easily.
2. Raising the rear of the bed permits better viewing. Additional good quality soil may be required.
3. Plant your bed after the danger of frost is past (May 24 in southern Ontario and later as you move north).
4. Select plants early while the choice is good. Apply a recommended amount of starting fertilizer, and feed with garden fertilizer every second week when plants are growing actively. Use quality fertilizers and do not exceed manufacturers' directions.
5. Ask your favorite supplier about new plant materials to create your own version of this colorful logo.
6. Remove weeds as they emerge.
7. Remove spent blooms weekly to encourage new blossoms all summer long.