

# © *Speedy Solutions* Scrap Buster Series

## Episode Ten

### “Cicada Bug” Block



For TIPS on how to organize your scrap stash first...which is key to making these speedy solutions work perfectly when sewing your blocks...this **video** (link below) offers great ideas for cutting and sorting!

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Organize & USE  
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### “Cicada Bug” Instructions for the block:

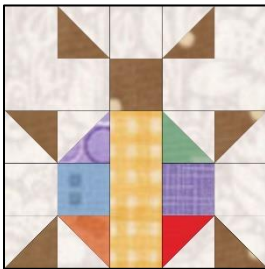
**Block measures: 10.5” UNFINISHED**

For **EACH** Cicada Bug Block, pull from your stash, or cut the following:

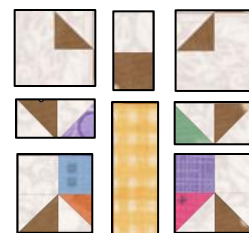
Dark: (1) 2.5” square; (3) 3” squares (for HSTs)

Medium: (2) 2.5” squares; (2) 3” squares (for HSTs); (1) 2.5” x 6.5” rectangle

Light: (5) 2.5” squares, (5) 3” squares (for HSTs); (2) 2.5” x 4.5” rectangles



1. Create a HST by placing the Light & Dark 3” squares RST; draw a diagonal line. Sew a ¼” on BOTH sides of drawn line. Cut on drawn line. Press seams to the dark side (or open). Square up EACH HST unit to 2.5”. Create (6) Dark/Light HSTs.
2. Create a total of (4) Medium/Light HSTs following instructions in Step 1, but use a Medium & a Light 3” square to create the HSTs. Square them up to 2.5” also.
3. Create (2) top corner units using (1) 2.5” Light; (1) 2.5” Dk/Lt HST; and (1) 2.5” x 4.5” rectangle (see diagram).
4. Create (2) bottom corner units using (1) 2.5” Dk/Lt HST; (1) 2.5” Med/Lt HST; (1) 2.5” Lt.; and (1) 2.5” Med. (see diagram). Orient EACH 2.5” square correctly within the unit.
5. Sew together center rows while piecing the Bug block as follows:
6. Press seams OPEN throughout. Square up to 10.5”



The sample diagram shown (wall quilt size on the right) uses a total of (9) of the Cicada blocks. It also uses 2.5” WOF strips of various fabrics in middle border; 1.5” WOF strips for inner & outer borders. Enjoy!

Happy Quilting! Lori Dickman

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