

* Original pattern was "Love Bugs", donated to us by Running Doe Quilts. It was sized down for our purposes.

Make 12.5" block(s). Choose fabrics from your stash, any two different colors, one for each side of the main body. Backgrounds should be light solid or small print in beige or white, and head and legs should be black. It is suggested that selvedges be removed and the fabrics be pre-shrunk with starch/steam before cutting. Sew $1 / 4$ " seams, press towards the dark unless specified otherwise. When block is complete, please leave trimming for the winner to do as needed for design. Read the directions, check the pictures and cut carefully.

## Cut the following (for each block you make):

Bug body:
Bug legs and head (black):
Background/border fabric:
cut 2 pieces $4 " \times 81 / 2^{\prime \prime}$
cut 1 rectangle 2 " $\times 7$ 1/2"
cut 3 strips 1" x 3 1/2"
cut 3 strips 2" x 3 1/2"
cut 1 strip 3 3/4" x 3 1/2"
cut 4 squares $13 / 4^{\prime \prime}$
cut 2 squares 3 1/2"
cut 2 strips $13 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 10$ "
cut 2 strips $13 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 12$ 1/2"

## Piecing Instructions:

1. Draw diagonal lines on backs of all 6 background squares.
2. Sew background $13 / 4$ " squares RST directly on drawn line, by placing squares to corners of each bug body rectangle. Trim excess $1 / 4$ " from sewn line, and press to dark. Sew the body rectangle pair together, press open.

3. Add the black "head" rectangle 2 " $x 71 / 2$ " to the edge opposite the white corners from step 2.

4. Sew the $31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ white squares to the bug block (sewing directly on the drawn line) according to diagram. Trim excess $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ from sewn line, press to dark.

5. Make the legs unit by sewing the background strips alternately with black 1 " strips on their long sides as shown here, press to the black. This section should measure $31 / 2$ " wide $\times 10$ " tall. Sub-cut 2 strip sets from this unit, for each block you make, cutting each $13 / 4$ " wide $\times 10$ ".

6. Stitch a leg unit to each side of the bug body as shown. Press toward the bug body. Your bug should now be 10 " square.

7. Sew your borders on. Sew the top and bottom $13 / 4 " \times 10 "$ strips on first, press toward the border. Then sew the side $13 / 4$ " X 12 1/2" strips on, press toward the border. Your block should measure 12 1/2" square.

Congratulations! These are so cute. Put your name tag on the block(s) so you can be entered into the drawing.


See ya at the meeting.

