



JARS of BUGS

Instructions are given twice in this document: The first time instructions are for a block that measures 6" x 7" finished and the second time for a block that measures 8" x 9" finished.

This is a great little quilt for rotary cutting and chain piecing!

Instructions for JARS of BUGS, 6" x 7" Block

The finished block measures 6" x 7" (6 1/2" x 7 1/2" unfinished). Use a small-scale print with bugs or insects on it for the jar, a coordinating fabric for the jar lid, and a solid black (or black on black) for the background.

Instructions: Use good quality, 100% cotton, pre-washed fabrics. Follow the instructions below for each block.

FABRIC PIECES NEEDED

(for one block)

BUG PRINT	BLACK	CONTRASTING FABRIC
1 - 4 1/2" x 6"	4 - 1" x 1"	1 - 1 1/4" x 3"
	2 - 1 1/2" x 6"	
	1 - 1 1/4" x 3"	
	2 - 2" x 2 1/4"	

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS (25 blocks)

BUG PRINT	BLACK	CONTRASTING FABRIC
1/2 yard	1/16 yard (or 1-2" strip)	1/12 yard (or 1-3" strip)

- 1) **Cut** a 4 ½ “ x 6” rectangle from the bug print fabric.
- 2) **Cut** four (4) 1” x 1” squares from the black fabric.
- 3) With the right sides together, **place** one (1) black square in the corner of the bug print fabric.
- 4) **Stitch** from one corner of the black square to the opposite corner, making sure that you do NOT go to the inside of the bug rectangle, but that you go from one edge to the other edge. **Repeat** with the other three corners. Refer to Diagram A below.
- 5) **Finger press** the black squares toward the corners of the bug print fabric. Do not trim: This stabilizes your rectangle.
- 6) **Cut** two (2) 1 ½” x 6” rectangles from the black fabric.
- 7) **Stitch** the long edge of each rectangle to each side of the bug print fabric pieced in steps 1)-5) above. **Refer** to Diagram B below. **Press** the seams to the black fabric.
- 8) **Cut** a 1 ¼” x 3” rectangle from the contrasting fabric and one (1) 1 ¼ “ x 3” rectangle from the black background fabric. **Stitch** the long edge of each of these rectangles together. **Press** the seam to the black fabric.
- 9) **Cut** two (2) 2” x 2 ¼ “ rectangles from the black background fabric. **Stitch** the short edges of each of these rectangles to each end of the rectangle created in 7) above. **Refer** to Diagram C below. **Press** the seams to the black fabric.
- 10) **Stitch** the two (2) sections together as shown in Diagram D. **Press** the seams toward the section with the jar lid, away from the bug fabric.
- 11) **Press** the completed block. **Square** it up to precisely 6 ½” x 7 ½”. Once sewn into a quilt, it measures 6” x 7”.

Instructions for an 8” x 9”, finished, block

The finished block measures 8” by 9” (8½“x 9½“ unfinished). Use a small-scale print with bugs or insects (reptiles or amphibians work well,

too!) on it for the jar, a bright, coordinating fabric for the jar lid, and a solid black (or black on black) for the background.



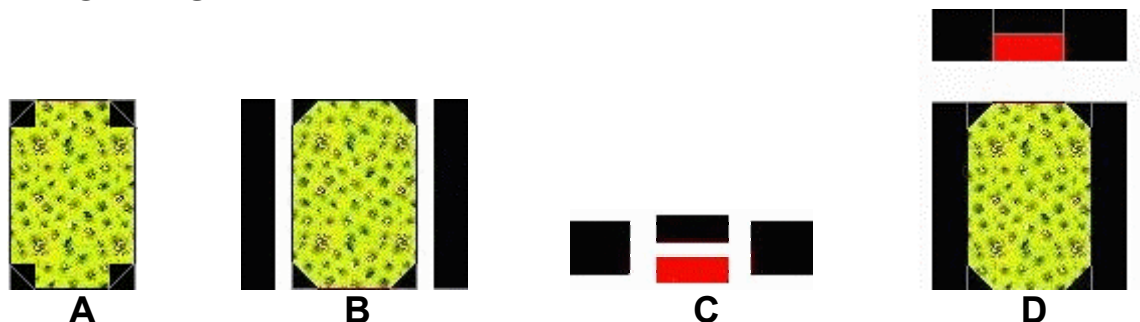
¼ yard of bug fabric yields enough pieces for 6 jars.

Instructions: Use good quality, 100% cotton, pre-washed fabrics. Follow the instructions below for each block.

FABRIC PIECES NEEDED (for one block)		
BUG PRINT	BLACK	CONTRASTING FABRIC
1 – 6" x 7 ½"	4 – 1 ¾" x 1 ¾"	1 – 1 ½" x 3 ½"
	2 – 1 ¾" x 7 ½"	
	2 – 2 ½" x 3"	
	1 – 1 ½" x 3 ½"	

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS (24 blocks)		
BUG PRINT	BLACK	CONTRASTING FABRIC
1 yard	1 1/8 yards	1/8 yard (or 1–3 ½" strip)

DIAGRAMS:



- 1) **Cut** a 6 x 7 ½" rectangle from the bug print fabric.
- 2) **Cut** four (4) 1 ¾" x 1 ¾" squares from the black fabric. These squares are to be sewn in each corner of the bug fabric.

- 3) With the right sides together, **place** one 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " black square in the top, right corner of the bug print fabric.
- 4) **Stitch** from one corner of the black square to the opposite corner, making sure that you do NOT go to the inside of the bug rectangle, but that you go from one edge to the other edge. **Repeat** with the other three corners. **Refer** to Diagram A above.
- 5) **Finger press** the black squares toward the corners of the bug print fabric. Do not trim: This stabilizes your rectangle.
- 6) **Cut** two (2) 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles from the black fabric.
- 7) **Stitch** the long edge of each rectangle to each side of the bug print fabric pieced in steps 1)-5) above. **Refer** to Diagram B above. **Press** the seams to the black fabric.
- 8) **Cut** a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " by 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle from the contrasting fabric and one 1) 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " by 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle from the black background fabric. **Stitch** the long edge of each of these rectangles together. **Press** the seam to the black fabric.
- 9) **Cut** two (2) 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " by 3" rectangles from the black background fabric. **Stitch** the short edges of each of these rectangles to each end of the rectangle created in 7) above. **Refer** to Diagram C above. **Press** the seams to the black fabric.
- 10) **Stitch** the two (2) sections together as shown in Diagram D above. **Press** the seams toward the section with the jar lid, away from the bug fabric.
- 11) **Press** the completed block. **Square** it up to precisely 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
Once sewn into a quilt, it measures 8" x 9".

Samples of 8" x 9" blocks:



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