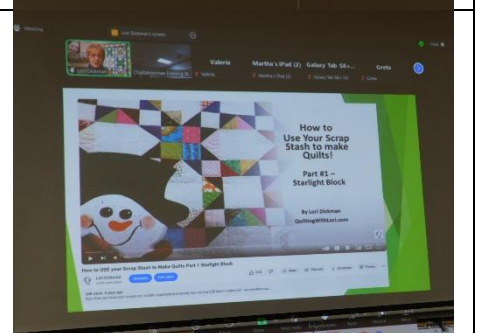
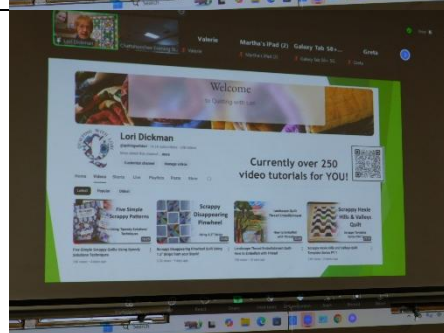
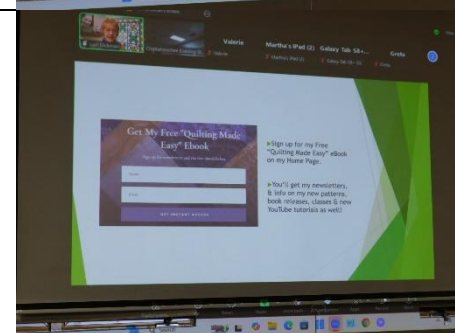
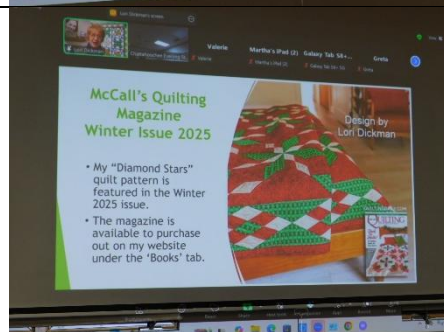
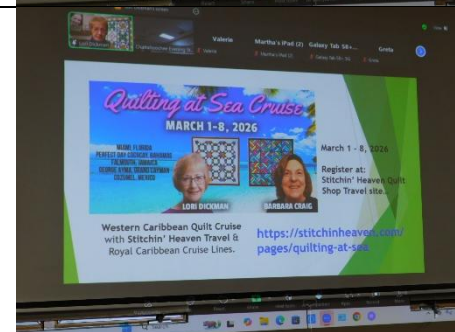
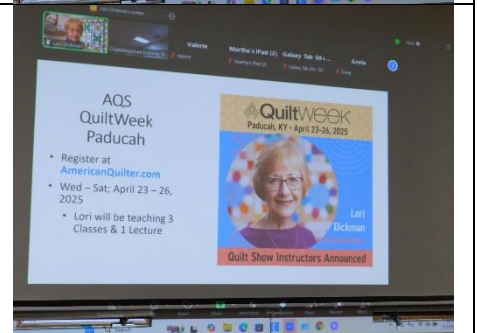
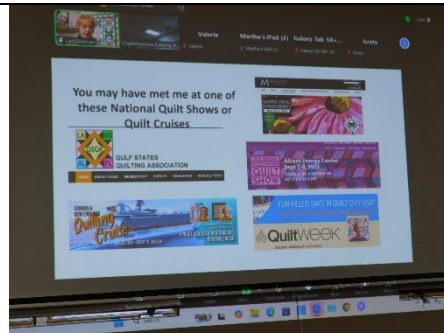
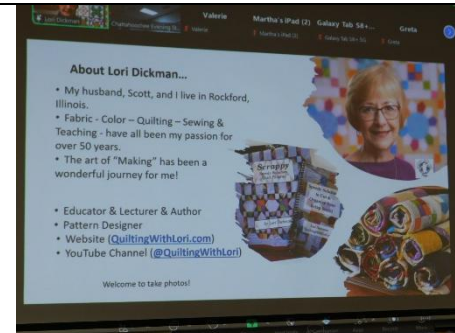


# CES Meeting March 3, 2025

## Program: "Speedy Solutions for Cutting & Organizing Your Scrap Stash!" Guest Speaker: Lori Dickman


Lori shares how she sorts and identifies value, and all her speedy methods of turning an unorganized stash of wrinkled fabrics into a beautifully organized stash of all your scraps stored by size and value or theme, ready to use to create beautiful quilts! She has some great ideas for storage solutions. Lori will also demo 30 of her favorite Scrappy Quilts.



Scrappy Blocks  
Week 52  
Acorn Block

52-week Series of Scrappy Blocks  
By Lori Dickman

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HhVhPj8m084>



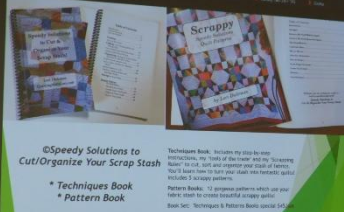
©Speedy Solutions to Cut/Organize Your Scrap Stash

\* Techniques Book  
\* Pattern Book

Techniques Book: Includes my step-by-step instructions, my list of the most popular "stepping stones" to cut, and an entire new table of contents! 100+ fabric swatches for you to use (the book also includes 5 scrap patterns).

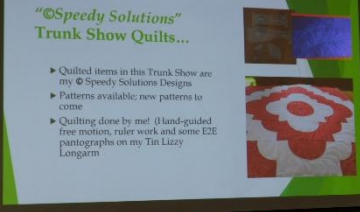
Pattern Book: 12 projects/patterns which can be used to create beautiful scrappy quilts!

Book #01: Techniques & Patterns Book available for...



"Speedy Solutions" Trunk Show Quilts...

- Quilted items in this Trunk Show are my © Speedy Solutions Designs
- Patterns available: new patterns to come
- Quilting done by me! (I hand-guided free motion, ruler work, and some E2E pantographs on my Tin Lizzy Longarm)



© Speedy Solutions Techniques GOAL:  
My goal is to inspire you to turn unorganized, jumbled-up PILES of wrinkled pieces of fabric...like this...



INTO THIS! ...

Piles of beautifully-cut squares organized by size and value: Darks, Mediums and Lights!



Ultimately, using my techniques, you will be able to...

- Adopt my "Speedy Solutions" step-by-step work perfectly for you to cut and organize your very own personal fabric stash!
- Simply grab combinations of SQUARES, STRIPS & TRIANGLES...with no fuss of rights, mediums and darks and BEGIN TO sew your next beautiful quilt!

Pattern: Lady of the Lake  
© Design by Lori Dickman



Create Quilts Quickly!

- Have you ever picked up a quilt pattern to begin sewing, only to become frustrated with the amount of "cutting" that had to be done before you could even begin to do what you love most...sew the quilt!
- With my "Speedy Solutions" techniques, you will be able to simply go to your stash, pick out the quantity of squares needed of the various sizes and color values for your pattern, and...**BEGIN TO SEW!**
- Let's see how this is done!

Scrappy Ducks in My Pond!  
©Design by Lori Dickman



"Speedy Solutions" Step-by-Step


Let's get started...

- FIRST: Set up a Time and Place (Make an Appointment with yourself!)
- Grab your tubs of Stash!
- Press
- Cut
- Organize
- Stash
- Use!



Press the MESS!

- Steam & Starch/Sting which helps maintain shape & body of fabric!
- When pressing, place as many scraps as will fit on the ironing board.
- Transfer them to the cutting table, and Repeat!
- Note: My stash includes some upholstery & heavy cotton (upholstery & art quilts), but mostly quilting cotton.




Tools of the Trade...

- Rotary cutter & sharp blades, rotary mat, and a "variety" of rotary cutting rules...
- The ruler I use most often is the 6 1/2" ruler...it maneuvers around my odd-sized fabric scraps very easily.



My "Scrapping Rule!"

- When I work through my stash, I always follow my "Scrapping Rule!"
- Once larger pieces are cut, they continue cutting the largest size possible from the remainder of each piece.
- Smallest squares that I cut are 1 1/2" all the way up to 10".
- Use sticky notes on table to organize sizes as you cut scraps.



Selvage Rule & Small Pieces & Bias Pieces:

- Selvage:** Remove them from scraps (Selvages will affect how the quilt behaves. Even when saving backups, always remove the selvages first!)  
I like to use these small scraps as stuffing for pet pillows.
- Bias:** The best procedure to follow with previously cut scrap fabric strips is cut SMALL squares from those scraps. That is the only way to follow Lori's First Scrapping Rule! ☺
- Sturdy fabric scrap to locate direction of threads.
- Place ruler on Straight of Grain as closely as possible.



Cutting Scraps continued...

- Use the straight edge of your scrap piece whenever possible to begin your first cut.
- This ensures all the rest of your cuts will be on the straight of grain.
- Goal is to cut every square "on grain"
- Odd-shaped scraps...add to your Crumb Basket to make Crumb Quilts! (Crumb Table Runner photo below)




Template Rulers and Strips of Fabric (SOF)  
Cut each in Lights, Mediums & Darks!

Set aside scraps of fabric from which you'll cut templates:

- Rhombus (Diamonds), Triangles, Tumbler's, Hexie's, & Dresden's.

Don't forget to cut & store those Strips of Fabric (SOF) for strip piecing!

- I like to have 1.5", 2", 2.5" and 3.5" widths of SOF on hand in all 3 values...lights, mediums & darks



Sorting by Shape, Size, & Value:

- Once strips are cut and placed in piles identified by size, separate them by value: DARK, MEDIUM, LIGHT
- Place individual items in one container (i.e. tub with all 2" square tub tabs at 2" intervals, etc.)
- Organize each tub with Lights, Mediums and Darks. You might need one tub for each size & each value!
- Along begins to happen more as you visualize future quilt projects where you will simply grab the number of squares in specific tubs for a quilt panel. Then, you are off to the races!



### Tips for Left-over Binding, Backing & Batting Strips!

- Store & use the 2.5" SOF from left-over binding & backing
- Create rolls of 2.5" batting strips with batting trimmed from the outer edges of quilts!
- Use the left-over binding fabric & batting strips to make jelly roll raps, purses, totes, & accessories!

### Storage of your Stash!

- Many storage options; Goal is to find the system that works best for YOU!
- Baskets or Cubes
- Plastic Shoe Boxes & Rolling Carts
- Empty Dressers
- Use a Labeling Machine to identify your scrap containers
- Store your Stash within easy reach so you will USE THE SCRAPS!

### Storage of my Stash!

- Scraps from 1.5" to 10" (plastic tubs)
- Fat Quarters: 10 per bag to 30 per pieces (boxes/stored by color)
- Yardage (backings - pull-out drawers)
- Batting Straps - stack in cupboard

### How to Use Your Scraps in Quilt Patterns

- It is easy to substitute fabric from patterns that allow for color patterns
- Pull the required quantities on:
  - Dark, Medium Colors of squares, or triangles blocks
  - Yardage for borders, etc.
- When patterns call for odd size squares (e.g. 2 1/2" squares, but just 2" squares & triangles) allow them to be 4 1/2" square!
- HST can easily be made from odd size quilting larger squares to ensure the appropriate size HST
- Square blocks, using scraps can be made from your scrap stash!

### Easy HST's using your Speedy Solutions Scrap Stash!

HST's, Snowflaked Blocks, Flying Geese Blocks... all these can be made using your stash!

### Starlight

- Block is outlined in black above
- 2.5" Squares & Strips (Light & Bright)
- 4.5" Light squares
- 8.0" Squares (HST)
- White & Red Border fabrics

### Scraps to Pull for EACH Starlight Block

- Qty. (1) 4.5" Light
- Qty. (4) 2.5" Lights
- Qty. (2) 5" Brights OR 2.5" SOF
- For HST's:
  - Qty. (4) 3" Lights
  - Qty. (4) 3" Brights
  - Qty. (8) 3" Darks

### Mirror, Mirror!

Find my Tutorial available for this quilt on YouTube

- One HUGE block - 16" Mirror Blocks; SEW SIMPLE!
- Quilt is made up of 4-patch Mirror blocks
- Great pattern to use up scraps!
- Chose (9) 8.5" squares
- Plus, (6) Light 4.5" squares and (6) complementary or contrasting 4.5" squares to make each of the 9 Mirror blocks
- I used Bright scraps for the center, along with the lights & arranged the blocks in a pleasing manner... I love this quilt!

### Scraps to Pull for EACH "Mirror, Mirror!" Block

- Qty. (1) 8.5" Bright/Medium
- Qty. (6) 4.5" Lights
- Qty. (3) 4.5" Mediums
- Qty. (3) 4.5" Darks

### Ohio Star Distinctions

- 2 Blocks; Ohio Star and Simple 4-patch
- Chose Lights, Yellows & Purples
- Fast & simple quilt to piece together!
- 10 Ohio Star Blocks & 120 4-patch blocks
- Great pattern for fabric in baby themes, sports themes or holiday themes
- Used ruler work quilting for this quilt

### California Maze

Find my Tutorial available for this quilt on YouTube

- Block is outlined in black...
- One Block: Read to California, create a secondary design
- Dark, Mediums & Lights
- 4-patch units & HST's
- Mixed 4-patch & HST borders which is set off with a 1" Navy border

### Marching Monkeys

Find my Tutorial available for this quilt on YouTube

- One Block: Monkey Tail & Feet in Circles, 20 4-patch borders to make the block, 10 4-patch borders to make the quilt
- Triangle cut from squares
- HST's & squares
- 10 Gray Cotton Linen, Blacks, 10 Blue and 10 Pink

### Stars & Stripes

Find my Tutorial available for this quilt on YouTube

- 2 Blocks
- (8) Ohio Star Blocks
- (14) JUMBO HST Blocks
- Scrap colors (lights, blues and reds)
- Heather Tree rustic quilting on blocks

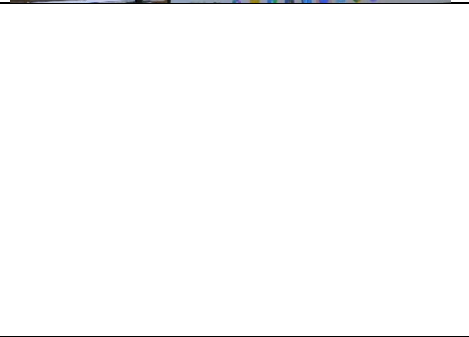
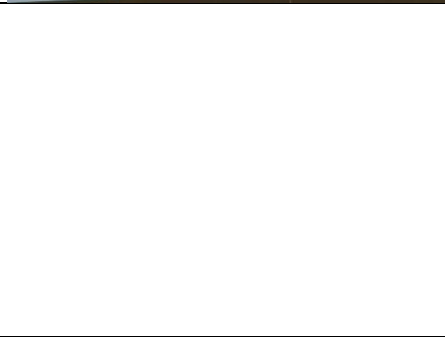
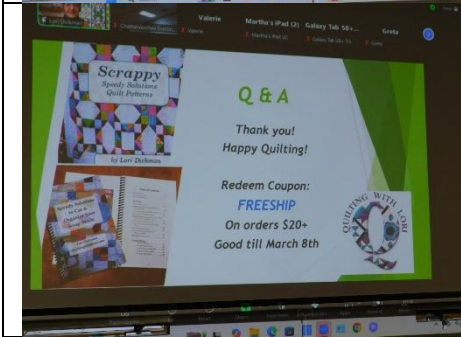
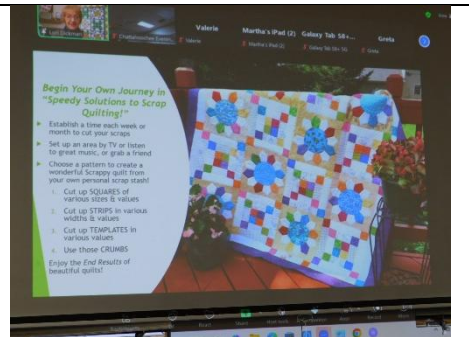
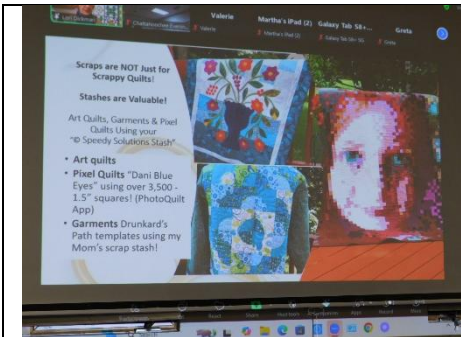
### Comin' Up Daisies

Find my Tutorial available for this quilt on YouTube

- One Block; Snowflaked Daisy squares!
- (14) Daisy Blocks (21) Squares in a Square Cornerstones & Sashing's
- Scrap fabric
- Flowers: Blues, Pinks, Burgundies
- Sashing: 1" greens
- Square in a Square Cornerstones in yellow/white
- Use Flange binding (see my tutorial)

### Irish Dresden's

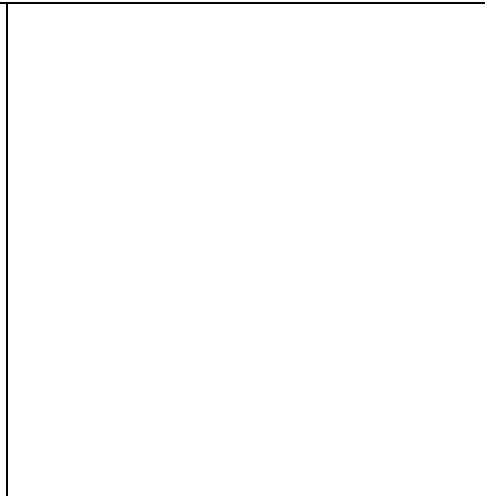
- Two Blocks: Dresden & Irish Quilt
- Scrap fabric: Lights & Brights (2" - 3", 3" - 4" and 4" - 6" min)
- Make work quilting on these pieces: Heather Tree rustic quilting on Irish Quilt Blocks
- Quilted & Bound with Heather Tree rustic quilting on Irish Dresden Blocks



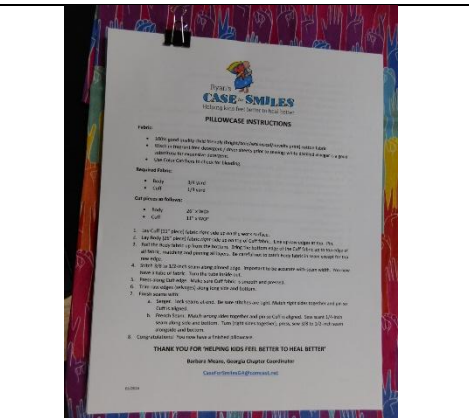
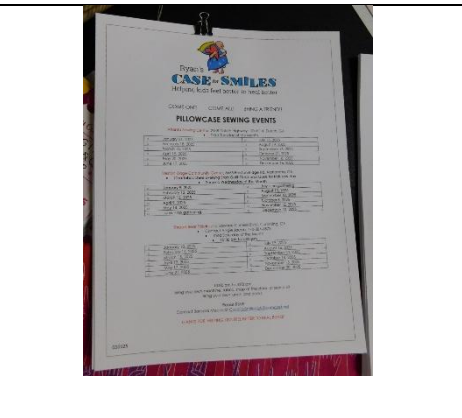
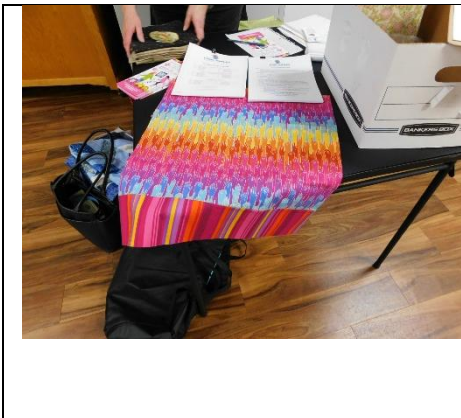
### Miscellaneous things



St Patrick's treat table



### Ryan's Case for Smiles



## M&M Block quilts



## Show and tell



