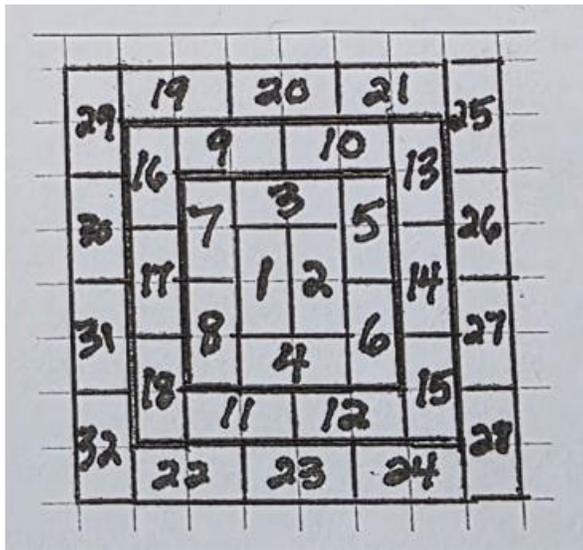


Potato Chip Block (because you can't make just one!)

The basic "potato chip" is a rectangle of fabric $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ". The block starts with 2 potato chips sewn with long sides together. Press that seam open. You then add single potato chips to the top and bottom. Always press away from the center square. Next add two-chip strips (sewn together on the short sides) to each side. Continue to add more strips of chips to the top and bottom and then the two sides for as many rounds as you want. A 16" finished block requires 32 potato chips. A 12" finished block takes 18 potato chips.



Design options:

- Pick chips completely at random
- Start with a $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square in the center and add chips #3 - 32
- Start with an $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square in the center and add chips #9 - 32
- Use a single color for chips #3 - 8 or #9 - 16
- Alternate light and dark scrappy rounds
- Keep adding chips and make a large single block baby quilt or wall hanging

YouTube has many variations of and uses for this block. It's a rabbit hole. Conquering Mt. Scrapmore by Brenda appears to be the original, but check these: Inspired Quilting by Lea Louise, Americana Quilting, and more.

You can cut your potato chip pieces at 2 " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " for smaller blocks. The block shown above (with 32 potato chips) would finish at 12". This also will require changing the size of the center square if you choose the second or third design option from the list above.