

# POTATO CHIP, also called Broken Courthouse Step



A very versatile and forgiving scrap quilt.

The key is to have pieces that have a finished size of twice as long as high. For example  $2\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$  cut to finish at  $2 \times 4$ . 18 pieces are needed for each block and the number of blocks depends on piece size.....

You would need 36 blocks if using  $1\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$  pieces for a 6 inch block

.....16 blocks if using  $2 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$  pieces for a 9 inch block

.....9 blocks if using  $2\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$  pieces for a 12 inch block

.....4 blocks if using  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$  pieces for an 18 inch block

.....and only one block if using  $6\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$  pieces for a 36 inch block

Examples above are: alternating rounds of darker and lighter fabrics in the first photo, totally random in the centre photo, both using 9 blocks of  $2\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$  inch pieces and the 3rd photo shows using 4 blocks of  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$  pieces and replacing the centre 2 pieces with a square.



I found it easiest to work with a pile of pieces and lay out a block on a design board or on the table and then start to sew the pieces together. The line drawing gives a good idea of how to lay out the blocks giving each a quarter turn and then there are no seams to match.