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Thank you for your interest in this project.

We are going to make potato chip blocks. It only involves rectangular blocks of a certain size. The most popular size of rectangle is 2.5" by 4.5". 18 rectangles of this size will make one quilt block 12.5" by 12.5" unfinished. And you will have to cut enough fabric to make 20 blocks. That will make a quilt approximately 48" by 60".

At this time we are only cutting the rectangles. No sewing! Please measure and cut carefully as you will be exchanging sets of blocks. You will need to cut 360 rectangles. Please use a mixture of lights, mediums and darks.

Once you have all your fabrics cut sort, your rectangles into 20 piles. Try not to duplicate any fabric in the same pile. Once you have all the piles made, put each pile into a separate envelope, not a zip lock or other see through container. Write your number on the envelope (from the participant's list). Keep one set for yourself!

You will have two months to get your cutting and enveloping done. On Nov. 19 we will have an envelope exchange. All of the packages will be placed into some kind of container, one for each participant, and you will get one package from each container. You should end up with 20 packages of 18 pieces! I hope! If we have more than 20 participants, we'll figure out a way to deal with it! Please only use regular cottons. No batiks as some quilters don't like to mix them. Thank you!

On exchange day, you will be given the block sewing directions and several layout ideas. We are planning to have the top done by late April. 😳 It all depends on time and don't forget there is a quilt show in this time frame.

If you have an extra jelly roll in your starch, it's already 2.5", you can use that! It is National Jelly Roll Day on Saturday! Problem partly solved!

So, you are getting rid of some of your scraps but ending up with stuff from someone else's stash!

Have fun!

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