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It was one of those days when you discover a toy you haven't played with in a long, long time. I found a box of one- inch blocks. There must have been a hundred blocks in the box!

I sat there looking at the box of blocks, wondering what I could do with them. Build a house? No, I did that already. Build a bridge? No, I did that already. So I put all the blocks in my little red wagon and I asked my dad to take a walk with me.





I stopped to use a block to measure a piece of the sidewalk from end to end. Dad helped too, but we didn't need just one block...

We needed a lot of one-inch blocks.

We put the blocks back in the wagon and kept walking. Dad pointed to a yellow fire hydrant. I knew right away what he was thinking.

There, we could measure!





We started to measure, one block on top of the other.
We used lots of blocks to measure the height of the fire hydrant. The fire hydrant was very tall.

We put the blocks back in the wagon and kept walking. We ran into our friend the mailman and dad stopped to say hello. While they were talking, I measured his shiny black shoe.





I used 10 one-inch blocks to measure his shiny shoe from heel to toe. His shoe was 10 blocks long.

We put the blocks back in the wagon and kept walking.
Dad pointed to a newspaper stand. I wondered what I
could measure there!





At the newspaper stand, I measured a pack of gum.
It was just three blocks long.



I never knew I could use my blocks to measure so many things. I wonder what we will measure next.