



★ **Paula's Patches**

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When Paula rips her pants on the way to school, she is embarrassed; she knows she can't replace them until she gets her next batch of hand-me-downs. She spends the day hiding the tear from her friends, even as she makes them feel better about their own misfortunes. A patchwork quilt gives her an idea to solve everyone's problems—and make them feel special at the same time. Bright colors and cheery patterns enhance this heartfelt story about overcoming shame and embracing individuality.

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