

## Paula's Patches

by Gabriella Aldeman, illustrated by Rocío Arreola Mendoza

**Problem-solver Paula patches her pants—and encourages her classmates to mend and reuse**

Oh, no! While at school, Paula's pants catch on a bush that rips a large hole. She tries everything to hide the hole from her classmates, only to find out that they have similar frustrations—like leaky lunchboxes, spaghetti stains, and hand-me-down backpacks. Nothing some colorful patches can't fix! Children will follow Paula as she feels embarrassed about her torn pants, curious about patches, and excited for a possible solution that helps both her and her classmates.

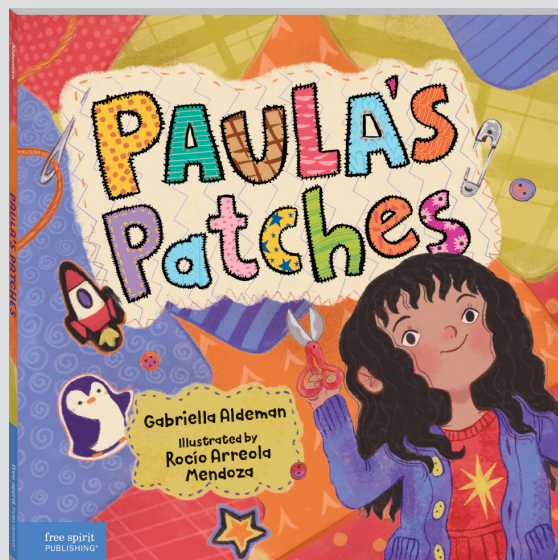


### Selling Points

- Highlights mending and reusing as a preferable alternative to buying new
- Book can be used as a starting point for discussions of consumerism, throwaway culture, and fast fashion
- Back matter includes activities for children, such as how to make their own patches, no-sew bookmarks, and fabric pouches
- Story includes themes of financial stress, resilience, problem-solving, and empathy
- Representation includes a Latina main character and children of low-income families

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