

Paige's Garden

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Paige's favourite thing to do is make art. She loves cutting with her special scissors and putting stuff together with sticky glue. She has gel pens in all the colours of the rainbow, and she uses them to draw flowers. Flowers are Paige's other favourite thing. Her grandma has a big garden with a sign that says **Myrna's Garden**. Paige would love to have a garden of her own someday.

But today, Paige is making her best flower ever. She sets some coloured paper on the kitchen table, along with her scissors, glue and gel pens.

"What are you making?" Paige's dad asks as he walks by.

"A flower for my room, like the ones in Grandma's garden."

"Great idea!" says her dad.

Paige smiles.

"Hey, can I use some of this paper?" Dad asks.

Paige's smile fades. She hadn't decided which paper to use for her flower yet.

"Okay," she says, but she feels sad when her dad takes two pink sheets, some yellow, green and all the purple. But then she spots some light blue paper and feels a bit better.



Paige draws a flower and is about to cut it out, when her brother walks in.

"Hey, can I use those scissors?" he asks.

Paige feels frustrated. If she gives the scissors to her brother, how will she cut out her flower? But she hands over the scissors. Mom *does* always tell her to share.

"Thanks!" shouts her brother.





“Now, what colour should the petals be?” thinks Paige.

She lines up her gel pens. Grandma has yellow daffodils, orange tulips and purple crocuses in her garden, and Paige loves them all. Maybe her flower could have *all* the colours! Paige starts colouring. Then her mom comes by.

“Can I please borrow these?” Mom asks, picking up the purple and yellow pens. “And your glue, too?”

Now Paige feels angry. How can she make her best flower ever without all the colours? And how can she stick the petals together without her glue?

But her mom *did* ask nicely ...

“Okay,” Paige grumbles.

“Thank you, Paige. I promise it’s for something important!” Mom says as she runs out.

Paige finishes colouring her flower. Every petal is a different colour. It looks amazing! Paige is excited to show her family her best flower ever.

“Mom? Dad?” she calls.

“Upstairs!” they call back.

Paige climbs the stairs and is confused when she sees her whole family standing in the doorway of her bedroom.



“Surprise!” they yell.

Paige looks around her room. It has been decorated to look like a garden! There are colourful flowers everywhere. Paige thinks it looks just like Grandma’s garden. It’s the most beautiful thing she’s ever seen!

“We thought you should have a garden of your own,” Mom says.

“We saved a spot in the middle for your best-ever flower,” says Dad.

Paige takes her special scissors and cuts out her flower. Then she spreads glue on the back and sticks it right in the middle of the wall, beside the sign her family made, which says **Paige’s Garden**. Paige is happy. And she can’t wait to show Grandma!