

100 DRESSES

If the Magic Fits

Family Book Club Kit

Includes:

- Read-Aloud Tips
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- DIY Origami Dresses

Try on a little magic!

“A charming new fairy tale!”

—Jessica Day George, *New York Times* bestselling author

About the Book:

Inside an enchanted castle, there’s a closet—a closet with one hundred dresses that nobody ever wears. Dresses like those need a good trying-on, and Darling Dimple is just the girl to do it. When she tries on Dress Number Eleven, something unbelievable happens. She transforms into the castle’s Head Scrubber! It turns out that each dress can disguise her as someone else.

And Darling is about to have an adventure that calls for a disguise or two . . . or a hundred.

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Try on a little reading magic!

Read-Aloud Tips

In good storytelling fashion, use the five *W*'s and one *H**—Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How—to create a fun and successful read-aloud.

(*There's definitely more than one "HOW" in storytelling—see below for a few fun ideas to bring this tale off the page.)

1. WHO?

Who is involved in your family book club? Everyone in the family! Each family member will have fun and benefit from reading together. For those who can read, participating as one of the storytellers will increase literacy skills. For those who can't read yet, listening to stories will expand their imaginations. And there's no doubt that family reading time strengthens the bond between family members. For smaller families, extend your book club to include your friends or neighbors!

2. WHAT?

What book(s) will you read? Why, *If the Magic Fits*, of course! Once you've finished *If the Magic Fits*, continue your family book club by having each person in your family choose a new book to read together. To continue along the fairy-tale theme, we recommend *Rump, Jack, and Red* by Liesl Shurtliff. If you'd like additional inspiration, you can take a family trip to your local bookstore or library and ask for help finding a new fairy tale or fairy-tale retelling.



3. WHEN?

When is the best time for storytime? Anytime! A chapter at breakfast could begin the day with a kick start to the imagination. Depending on the time of year, a lunchtime storytime could be fun—consider heading outside for a family picnic. And, of course, the age-old tradition of reading at bedtime never goes out of style. Most importantly, read every day. By setting a consistent time—and making it fun—kids will look forward to this quality time together.

4. WHERE?

Where should your family storytime take place? Read-aloud time is best done in a quieter location that is free of distractions. In your home, set up a reading area that has room for sitting and lying down. Snuggling up together in a bed is also one of the best venues for storytime.

5. WHY?

Why is family reading time important? Children are more likely to become readers when they are read to. It really is as simple as that. And here's the good news: It's easy to do and so much fun. With a little practice, you will be making memories that both you and your child will cherish.

And if you're interested in starting a mother-daughter book club with friends, author Susan Maupin Schmid has [suggestions to help!](#)

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6. HOW?

How can you create a family storytime that is fun and successful? Here are some tips and ideas:

↑ During the storytime, encourage your family to interact with the book—tell them to feel free to react to the story and to ask questions.

↑ Read aloud with animation—use different voices and add sound effects. Be loose, have fun, and laugh a lot.

↑ Take turns reading. Whether you take turns paragraph by paragraph, page by page, or chapter by chapter, sharing reading privileges makes it fun for everyone.

↑ Ask questions as you read together. They'll love chatting about favorite parts, funny characters, and what may happen next. (See the next page for some discussion questions to jump-start the conversation.)

Seven Enchanting Storytime Questions

One for Each of Princess Mariposa's Closets!

As you read *If the Magic Fits* aloud, use the questions below to help start a family discussion.

1. *If the Magic Fits* is a new fairy tale. What are some of your favorite fairy tales? Why? If you could be a character in any fairy tale, which character would you be, and why?

2. Darling Dimple discovers that she transforms into someone different with each new dress she tries on. If you could be someone else for a day, who would you want to be, and why? What would you do as that person?

3. As an Under-scrubber, Darling Dimple finds a bubble on the end of her sponge and sees a story inside of it. When she's caught by Roger, he calls it a "silly daydream," but Darling says, "It wasn't a daydream! It was a story!" What do you think the difference is between a daydream and a story? Do you ever daydream or make up your own stories? If so, what are they about?

4. When Darling moves from the under-cellar to be an Under-presser, she finds that she misses her friends from her old job. She misses fitting in. Have you ever felt like you didn't fit in? What did it feel like? How can you help people who are having trouble fitting in feel like they belong?

5. Princess Mariposa is looking for her Prince Charming. Who would be your Prince Charming? Is there someone you know in real life or on TV who would fit your idea of a Prince Charming? What qualities make up your dream Prince Charming?

6. Imagine that *If the Magic Fits* were going to be made into a movie. Who would you cast as the main characters?

7. If you could only give this book a one-word review, what would your word be?





Find Your Enchanted Castle Job!



Of course everyone wants to be the prince or princess, but being in the under-cellar isn't so bad, either. In fact, it can be a lot of fun—just ask Darling Dimple! Take the quiz below to find out what your Under-servant job would be in the enchanted castle. Circle your answer to each question, tally up how many A, B, or C answers you get, and then find your castle job.

1. It's the first day of school. What are you most excited about?

- a. Lunchtime! You can't wait to see what your mom or dad packed in your lunch box and socialize with all your friends.
- b. Getting dressed in the morning! You're so excited to wear your favorite new outfit.
- c. Settling in to your new classroom. All your supplies are organized and tidy and you're excited to put them to use.

2. At the mall, your favorite store is:

- a. The food court. Duh. There are so many options—French fries, ice cream, hot dogs. You can never choose just one!
- b. The one with the coolest clothes. It doesn't matter which store they're in—you'll find them!
- c. You have many favorite stores, but you also have an organized plan mapped out for which ones you'll go to first and where you'll shop last.

3. Nobody likes chores, but if you had to choose a favorite, you'd choose:

- a. Preparing dinner with your parents or doing the dishes after family dinner. You love being in the kitchen and assisting whenever you can.
- b. Helping your parents with laundry. You like to know your clothes are clean and ready for their next wear!
- c. People don't like chores? That's news to you—you don't mind them at all!

4. Your friend invited you to a sleepover. What activity do you hope you'll do together?

- a. Make fun snacks—and then eat them! Ants on a log. S'mores. Cookies. You love making treats with a friend and their parents.
- b. Raid their parents' closet or the costume trunk and play dress-up! It's fun to wear different clothes and pretend to be someone else.
- c. Play board games. You love the strategy and organizing your thoughts to put yourself in the best position to win. (And you almost always win!)

5. What's your favorite holiday?

- a. Thanksgiving! You love that it centers around having a big meal together as a family and giving thanks for your blessings.
- b. Halloween! You start planning your costume months in advance and are determined to win any costume contest. (And you always do!)
- c. Christmas! You love decorating the tree and making sure there are enough lights and ornaments on every branch so it looks perfect from any angle! (And the presents aren't bad, either.)

Mostly A's

Under-Chopper

Your favorite part of the day is any part that involves food. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, dessert—you can't pick a favorite meal. As a foodie, your place in the enchanted castle would be in the kitchen as an Under-chopper, making sure the food for the castle is prepared and served with the greatest care.



Mostly B's

Under-Presser

As a fashionista, clothes are your passion. You love to shop and have the coolest-looking clothes at school. But to keep your clothes as cool as they were that first time you wore them, you have to take care of them. Your enchanted castle job is the Under-presser. You'll steam, iron, mend, and sew the princess's clothes to perfection so she can meet her Prince Charming in the most beautiful dress.

Mostly C's:

Under-Scrubber

You might be a bit of a neat freak (in a good way!). Your parents never have to ask you to clean your room or put away your things. And you can't stand it when you get a stain on your clothes or see something dirty. In the enchanted castle, you would be an Under-scrubber, making sure everything stayed neat and tidy—just how you like it.

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DIY Origami Dress



Make One . . . or Make 100!

You may not have 100 dresses in your closet, but that doesn't mean you can't make them! Follow the instructions below to make your own origami dress.

Materials Needed:

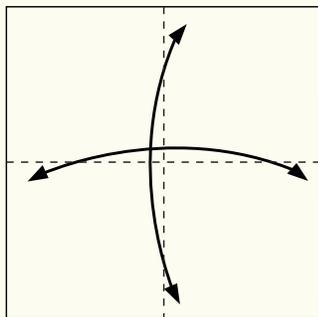
 Paper: A piece of square paper. It can be plain white paper, or you can use patterned paper from an arts and crafts store.

 Decorating supplies: Collect materials from around your house to decorate your origami dresses. You can use markers, colored pencils, or crayons. If your family is especially crafty, maybe you have some glitter or ribbon to make your dress extra special.

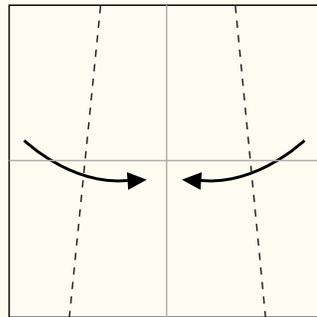
 Imagination: Use your imagination to decorate your dress to be anything you want. The more creative and out of the box, the better!

Directions:

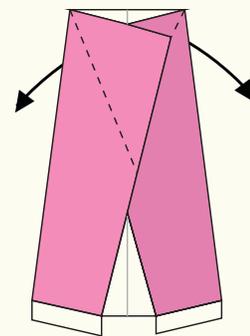
Follow the diagram and instructions below to make your origami dress.



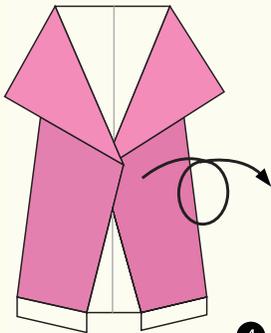
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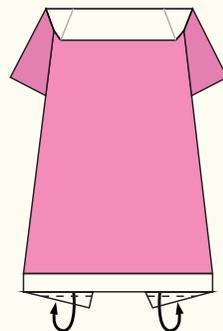
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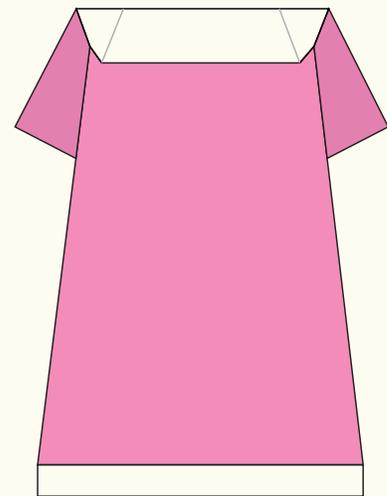
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