

## THE RAINBOW PULLOVER

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Rosa is a very nice girl. She always has a smile for everybody and what she likes more than anything in the world is to wear coloured clothes.

Rosa also likes going for walks in the park. She does this every day with her Mum and her favourite toy: her teddy bear called Teodora.

Rosa adores Teodora and although Teodora does not speak people's language he always gives her a smile. That way Rosa knows that Teodora also loves her and they are inseparable. They go absolutely everywhere together.

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In winter, Rosa dresses up warmly so she doesn't get a cold. She wears woollen gloves, coloured tights, a cap and a scarf. She also has a coat that keeps her warm, and pretty boots to keep her feet dry when she steps in puddles. But what Rosa most likes to wear in winter and in autumn is her rainbow pullover. It is a wonderful pullover with all the colours of the world, and on top of that, it keeps her really warm.

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Do you know what the colours of the rainbow are? Teodora, Rosa's teddy bear, has learnt them by heart: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. Teodora loves Rosa's rainbow pullover.

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When they go to the park in winter, Rosa also clothes her teddy bear Teodora so he doesn't get cold. She puts a small woollen cap and a tiny scarf on her. Teodora does not have a rainbow pullover but Rosa believes that, as she is a teddy bear, she will not feel cold even though everything is covered in snow.

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The cold is a very dangerous thing. When you get cold or the cold gets you, you can get 'flu and then you have to stay in bed and you cannot play, go to the park or even go to school. As well as that, you have to take medicine that tastes very bad, and sometimes it you have to have an injection. Rosa hates injections, and so she always dresses up warmly when it is winter and when she goes to the park.

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In spring, Rosa leaves her scarf and gloves at home. It isn't cold any longer. The park is full of flowers and the colours are very nice. In spring, Rosa doesn't wear her favourite pullover; she leaves it in the wardrobe. The thing she never forgets when she goes to the park is the umbrella and the raincoat in case it rains. In spring, there are a lot of rainy days and sometimes it rains without warning. One never knows!

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The teddy bear Teodora also has a raincoat... Rosa doesn't want her to get wet!

Although Rosa doesn't wear the rainbow pullover, after the rain a real rainbow appears in the sky. Rosa and Teodora look at it and smile. In spring, the flowers grow and the trees are very green.

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In summer, Rosa uses light clothes. As it is very hot, she wears a short-sleeved t-shirt with her name on it and shorts. She does not use socks or tights but open flip-flops so she can see all her toes. Like this, her feet don't get hot.

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Teodora the teddy bear continues at Rosa's side. When the sun is shining a lot, both of them put on a hat and sometimes they go to the beach or to the swimming pool. They put on their swimsuits and bathing caps and have a swim. They are both learning to swim, of course always accompanied by a grown-up.

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In autumn, things change. Rosa wears socks, jeans and, as it is starting to get cold, she can put on her rainbow pullover, her favourite one. It is so pretty!

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In autumn, nearly all the trees lose their leaves and the sun seems to be smaller. Teodora and Rosa go to the park in autumn too. It isn't as cold as in winter, and not as hot as in summer. But, with the appropriate clothes, you can go to the park in each season. Going to the park is very healthy and fun.

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But one day, a strange thing happened. Rosa went to the park to play with her friends. As it was autumn, she put on her coloured pullover. They played hide-and-seek and Rosa hid behind a tree. Without noticing it, she got her favourite pullover dirty. One minute it had been very nice but the next it was dirty and ugly.

When Rosa went home for her tea she saw that her Mum was putting the dirty clothes into the washing machine and Rosa – without saying anything to her Mum – put the dirty pullover into the washing machine to be washed too. She wanted to have it clean to put it on next day.

Rosa was very happy. What a surprise for Mum when she knows that Rosa is helping her to wash the clothes.

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But, like magic, when the pullover comes out from the washing machine, it has been turned into a small pullover. Rosa will not be able to put on her favourite pullover anymore, it does not fit over her head.

Rosa was sad and she felt really guilty because she had not told her Mum or her Dad that she wanted to wash her favourite pullover in order to know what she should have done. Both Mum and Dad know how clothes that might shrink must be washed.

The teddy bear Teodora is a little sad too, she liked that rainbow pullover very much.

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Mum explains to Rosa that the pullover shrank because it should not have been washed in the washing machine.

- Look Rosa, - Mummy says -, the label shows how you must wash it.

And that is true. There is a little label on each garment that says things to stop pullovers becoming doll size. Rosa does not understand everything on the label, but she knows that once she sees the drawing of a garment in a bucket that means that it must be... hand-washed. Very easy!

Teodora the teddy bear is looking at the scene and comes up with a great idea. Maybe Rosa, since it has happened on other occasions, is thinking the same idea.

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Great! Rosa, as usual, had a great idea, the same as Teodora's - she has decided to use the small pullover appropriately.

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Now, when Rosa goes to the park in autumn or in winter, she cannot wear her rainbow pullover. But it is now so small, that she can put it on Teodora. That way, the jersey will not be separated from her.

They both look very pretty!