

DRESS LIKE A GIRL

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ABOUT THE BOOK

A playful and fashionable slumber party takes an empowering turn in this gorgeous picture book, perfect for fans of *Princesses Wear Pants* and *Rosie Revere, Engineer!*

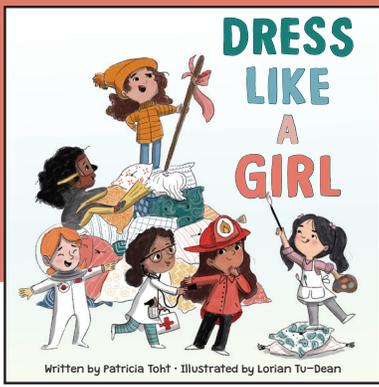
In these beautifully illustrated pages, a diverse cast of slumber party participants considers the most time-honored traditions for how to dress. If a lady is supposed to wear white in summertime, then how about donning a spacesuit? If team colors are apropos at sporting events, why not wear helmets and play ball?

Uplifting and resonant, and with a variety of interests ranging from sports to science to politics, this book is sure to inspire any young girl, instilling the idea that the best way to dress like a girl is the way that makes you feel most like YOU!

STORYTIME ACTIVITIES

- **GET THE MESSAGE:** Reread the last two pages of this story. Ask the children what the author means when she writes, “Make your own rules in this big wide world. Set your sights high and . . . DRESS LIKE A GIRL!” What is the author’s message? How do you know? Do you agree with the author? Why or why not? Have the children discuss the author’s message with a partner and then share their thoughts with the larger group.
- **WHEN I GROW UP:** Discuss how the girls dressed in this story (e.g., like an astronaut, a chef, a firefighter, a police officer). Ask the children to talk to a partner about what they would like to be when they grow up. Then have them write an opinion piece about why they would want this occupation when they are grown. They should include an opening statement, several reasons describing why this profession would be right for them, and a closing statement. Younger children can draw a picture of their chosen occupation and share it with the group.
- **GOOD JOB!:** Invite parents and other adults to visit the group to discuss their professions. Ask them to describe why they chose their job, how they dress for their job, and why their job is important. Encourage the children to ask questions about why the visitors chose their professions and what they accomplished to achieve their goal.
- **FASHION STATEMENT:** Ask the children if they think they should dress like a boy or girl, or if they should dress like themselves. Why? What is their favorite way to dress? Have the children wear a favorite outfit, and then draw themselves wearing it. They should also write why this is their favorite way to dress.
- **FAMOUS FIRSTS:** Together or in small groups, research famous women who dared to be first. Elizabeth Blackwell was the first female doctor, Sandra Day O’Connor was the first woman on the United States Supreme Court, and Sally Ride was the first American woman in space. Have the children do research to learn more about these women or other trailblazing women who made their “own rules in this big wide world.”



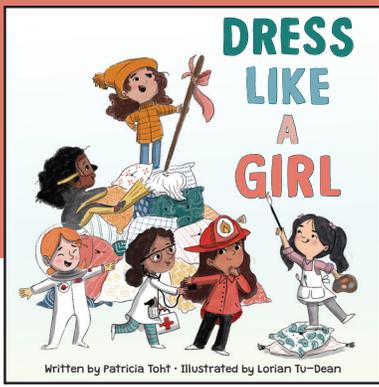


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There are many different professions shown in *Dress Like a Girl*, including an astronaut, doctor, firefighter, and conductor. Draw yourself dressed as what you want to be when you grow up!



I'm dressed like a



Make Believe Matching

In *Dress Like a Girl*, the girls play dress up with all kinds of clothing. Can you match the job with the dress-up outfit?

1. Astronaut

A.



2. Firefighter

B.



3. Doctor

C.



4. Artist

D.



5. Tennis Player

E.



Answer Key: 1C, 2E, 3D, 4A, 5B