

# The Patchwork Garden

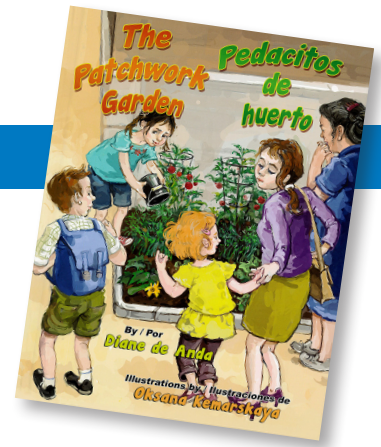
## A RIF GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

**Themes:** Gardening, Community, Healthy Living, Family

**Book Brief:** After finding her own patch of dirt to plant a garden, a young girl inspires her neighbors to follow her example and grow their own vegetables.

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## TIME TO READ!

**Before reading, make predictions:** What does “patchwork” mean? Who do you think planted this garden?

**While reading, make connections:** Do you have any favorite stories from a grandparent or relative? Have you ever wanted to

plant a garden? How is the area where Tona lives like where you live?

**After reading, ask questions:**

- ◆ What are some challenges in trying to plant a garden?
- ◆ If you had a garden, what would you grow?
- ◆ What do plants need in order to grow?

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### PATCHWORK ARTWORK

Materials: colored paper or magazines, scissors, glue, large sheet of paper or newspaper

Cut squares or other shapes out of magazines or colored paper. Glue the shapes onto a large sheet of paper to make a pattern or picture, like a patchwork quilt. When it's dry, you can use the paper as wrapping paper!

### APPLE OF AN APP!

Like Tona, a boy named Nicolas decided to grow his own vegetable garden. He decided he wanted to help kids find healthful foods and so the **Nicolas' Garden** app was born!



Go to <https://seewhatgrows.org/10-best-health-nutrition-apps-kids/> to see ideas for recipes with step by step instructions, grocery store checklists, and a section of tasty foods that are good for you.

### A GIFT THAT GROWS

Materials: paper, markers or crayons, glue, flower seeds

Brighten someone's day and the earth at the same time! Make a homemade card out of recycled materials. Glue flower seeds onto the card to decorate it. Send the card to someone special along with instructions for them to plant the card after reading it. Soon your card will give them more than just a smile!



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### OTHER BOOKS ABOUT GARDENING

- Grandpa's Garden*, Stella Fry (2012)  
*Planting the Wild Garden*, Kathryn O. Galbraith (2010)  
*The Curious Garden*, Peter Brown (2009)



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