Patch's Quiet Corner

A Place for One More

A family investigation with Patch the Pig



Patch has made a cozy spot under the paper leaves. Pockets comes over and pauses at the edge. Patch moves a cushion a little closer, then waits. Perhaps Pockets would like a seat. Perhaps a wave from the doorway is just right.

Look inside the picture

Look at the space between Patch and Pockets. Show how you would say hello from your own comfortable spot.

Show two places a friend could choose. Draw them below or point them out in the room.

Beside Patch

A little farther away

Turn the page to try it together ›

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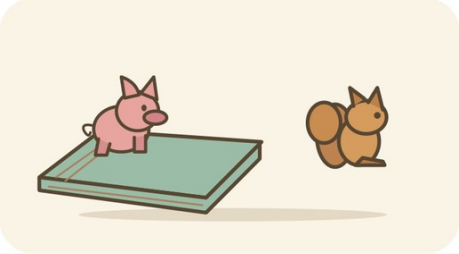
How can one little space offer two ways to join?

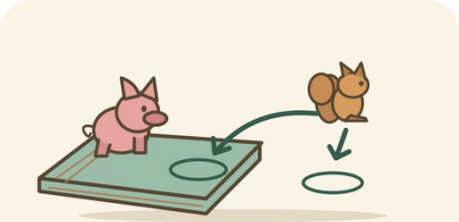
Gather One folded towel and two large toys, or pretend visitors

10 minutes • About ages 2–8 with a grown-up



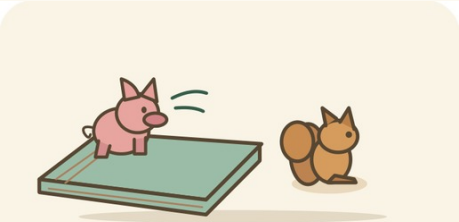
1 Set out a seat

Lay the folded towel on the floor. Put one toy at one end. This is Patch. Your partner holds the visiting toy.



2 Offer two places

Point to the empty end of the towel, then to the floor a little farther away. Ask, “Would you like to sit beside me or watch from there?”



3 Let the visitor choose

Wait while your partner places the visitor or points to a spot. The visitor can move again or wave goodbye. Swap roles and offer a new invitation.

When you’re done

Fold the towel and return it to its shelf. Let both toys go home, ready to visit again.

Another way to play

A nod, a look, a point, or staying where you are can all be answers.

One more wonder

If your visitor wants more room, what could Patch move?