

Sensory Story

Confetti by Dean Atta and Alea Marley

One day, Ari discovers a piece of pink confetti under the sofa. She throws it up into the air and watches it helicopter down: a small, bright moment of celebration.

And before long, Ari discovers confetti in other places: at her birthday party; at the Pride parade; in autumn's falling leaves; in the magical sprinkling of snowflakes. She finds that when you look around, life is full of celebrations, each moment bursting with colour and joy – just like a handful of confetti.



Using the guide

A few gentle reminders before you get going:

- Use as much or as little as you like
- Choose what suits your child
- There's no right or wrong way to go
- Always follow the child's preferences
- Skip smells/textures if not appropriate
- Adult support is recommended for groups
- Not all of these prop suggestions are toys – they should only be used under adult supervision.

Notes on this guide

We have lots of suggestions here for different kinds of confetti to use with this audiobook (as well as some other props). But even a little bit of one kind of confetti would be a nice sensory addition while you are listening to the story. (Try making your own by cutting up tissue paper very small.)

Part one: "From Arianna discovers..." to "...her name but smaller"

If possible use one piece of pink confetti and then gradually add more and more.



Part two: From "Uncle takes Ari to a parade..." to "...the rainbow flag"

Use rainbow confetti. You might want to add in some pride flags as well.



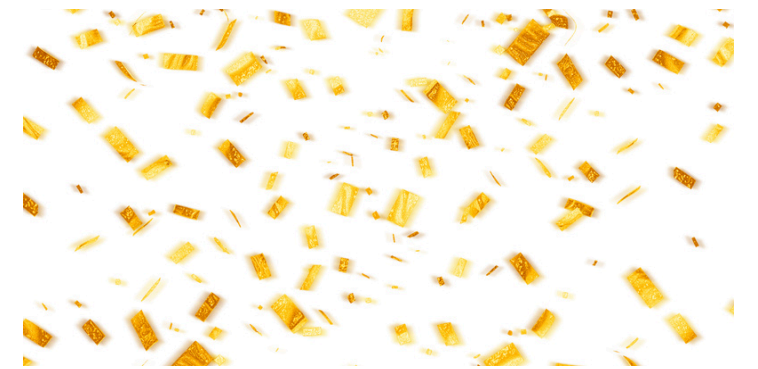
Part three: From "Mummy's tummy is getting bigger..." to "...her name but smaller"

Use yellow confetti. You could add in some ribbons as well.



Part four: From “Uncle takes Ari and Andi...” to “... together”

Use orange and brown confetti. Or cut leaves from tissue paper. (Or gather real autumn leaves if it is the right time of year.)



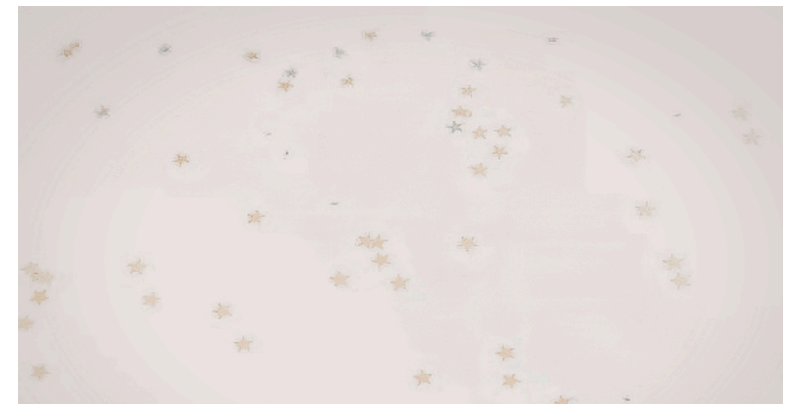
Part five: From “Uncle is getting married...” to “...parade of two people”

Use more rainbow confetti!



Part six: From “Snow is like...” to “...rolls it into a ball”

Use white confetti. You could also use ‘a big white blanket’ or some fake snow and ice packs.



Part seven: From “When it hits him...” to “...confetti”

Yet more rainbow confetti! This time count to three and then throw a large handful up in the air all in one go with a big cheer.





**Thanks for
listening!**

**We hope you had fun. Special thanks to My
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