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MY LITTLE PONY

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TEASER

Open on RARITY in her SHOP, happily working on designing herself a stunning new formal outfit for the upcoming GRAND GALLOPING GALA in Canterlot (introduced in the episode "Ticketmaster"). Rarity's super fussy and moody pet cat RUBY is helping out as little as he can get away with.

APPLEJACK and TWILIGHT come into Rarity's shop. Twilight asks Rarity if she could please mend a button on an old outfit she plans to wear to the Gala. But Rarity is horrified! "Oh, no no no. You can't wear this old thing. You need a glamorous new outfit for the Gala! I'll make it for you, no problem. It'd be my pleasure." Twilight demurs but Rarity won't take no for an answer.

Rarity turns to Applejack to inquire what she's going to wear and is aghast, but not surprised, to find out that Applejack was planning on wearing her same old everyday work duds. For her the dance is a business opportunity to sell a whole bunch of apples and apple-derived products. Rarity won't hear of it. "You absolutely must wear formal attire to a Gala. I'll spruce up your duds for you. You'll love it." Applejack shrugs: Okay sure, why not. Since you're offering. Just don't make 'em too froo-froo.

Just then, RAINBOW DASH, trying out a new trick that didn't quite work out, comes crashing into Rarity's shop: "Look out below!" She barrels into Rarity's pony-shaped SEWING MANNEQUINS and becomes entangled in the pinned fabrics and measuring tape draped around them. When Rainbow gets up with the half-finished fashions strewn all over her, Rarity is inspired: "I'll make you an outfit for the Gala too! I'll make all my friends an outfit! And we can hold a fashion show!" It will be a wonderful boost for Rarity's business. Plus? Fun!

ACT I

Rarity basks in the excitement of her pending fashion show and starts a-sewin'.

MUSICAL MONTAGE: An upbeat, cheerful, enthusiastic, whistle-while-you-work SONG during which Rarity is making outfits for all her friends while singing about how much fun it is. Rarity uses her UNICORN MAGIC to make her various fabrics and baubles dance in the air, her sewing machine and scissors to snip them into shape, and her pony-shaped mannequins to sashay around the room. Ruby comically gets in the way, trying to lounge on pieces of fabric, irritated when Rarity's magic sweeps them out from under him, or trying to play with a bauble and annoyed when Rarity's magic snatches it away.

When the SONG ends, Rarity brings all her friends in to show them her work. Ta da! Each pony's formal outfit is perfectly themed to reflect her personality. And all the outfits are amazing. Rarity smiles, triumphantly.

But her friends' reactions are lukewarm. Rarity: "What's the matter? Don't you like them?" Friends: "Oh, they're very nice..." Everypony is politely grateful for the effort. All except Rainbow who is blunt: "Just not as cool as I was imagining." Rarity, while a little bit deflated by her friends' lack of enthusiasm for her artistic creations, is eager to please and wants her friends to be 110% satisfied. She smiles with a willing, can-do spirit: "Not to worry. I'll redo them!" Her friends say she doesn't have to do that. These will do just fine, really. But Rarity insists. She wants them to be better than just fine; she wants them to be absolutely perfect! The ponies accept and exit. When they're gone, Rarity gulps. What has she gotten herself

into?

ACT II

Open with Rarity finishing FLUTTERSHY's outfit. Fluttershy comes in for her fitting and says, with politely forced enthusiasm, that she absolutely loves it. But it is obvious timid Fluttershy is holding back her true opinion. Rarity presses her... and presses and presses, until Fluttershy finally relents--bombarding Rarity with a veritable onslaught of notes in one long run-on sentence using comically correct seamstress technical terms! Rarity's mouth hangs open in shock. Fluttershy, back to being her timid self, adds sheepishly, "But, you know, whatever you want to do is fine."

Rarity begins implementing Fluttershy's suggestions. And as she does, a fast-paced MUSICAL MONTAGE begins with Rarity REPRISING her SONG, but this time singing more frantically, less cheerily, as one pony after another comes in to see their outfits and tell Rarity what they want changed about them: Twilight wants the stars on hers to be technically accurate. "Sirius wouldn't be to the right of Orion like that." Applejack wants hers to be more comfortable and practical. "And what if it rains? I might need some galoshes." PINKIE PIE wavers between wanting a candy theme or a party theme for her outfit: "More balloons! No, that's too many balloons. More Candy! Less candy. I know! Streamers!" Rainbow Dash has no specific direction; she just wants hers to be cool. Rarity whips something up. Rainbow: "It needs to be 21% cooler." Rarity asks: "Do you not like the color?" "No, the color's fine. Just make it cooler!" Do you not like the shape?" "No, the shape's fine. Just make it cooler!" Rarity rushes to do everything to the outfits that her friends say they want, and is also stressing about the fact that she hasn't finished making her own dress yet.

The face-paced SONG MONTAGE ends when disheveled Rarity steps back to show the other ponies her newly finished creations. The viewing audience doesn't see the outfits yet. But it's clear the ponies love them! It's exactly what they wanted! Thank you, Rarity! Great job! Rarity is happy that her friends are finally happy, but she is really just relieved to be done.

Just then, Pinkie bursts in to deliver some news: A big wig FASHION MAVEN from Canterlot has heard about the fashion show the ponies are planning and will be coming to review Rarity's work! Isn't that great? Rarity smiles nervously, twitching with a stress tick. Yeah, great.

Using the CAROUSEL on top of Rarity's shop as their stage, the FASHION SHOW begins. The ponies proudly show off their custom outfits. Reveal that the outfits are absolutely hideous! Because Rarity did everything the ponies' said they wanted, their conflicting comments and piled-on, mish-mash of everything-but-the-kitchen-sink designs just don't work at all! But everypony is 110% pleased with the way their outfits turned out. It's everything they each said they wanted. And Rarity wanted them to be happy.

But the AUDIENCE laughs. The Fashion Maven is disgusted. And Rarity is mortified!

ACT III

The ponies knock gingerly on Rarity's bedroom door. She's locked herself in and is never coming out! Inside, Rarity has gone full-on Norma Desmond, parading around the room in drama queen style, lamenting her shameful state. She'll never be able to show her face in Ponyville again!

Outside, the ponies aren't sure what to do. "She's becoming a crazy cat-lady!" "She only has one cat." "It's a slippery slope."

In the work area, Fluttershy sees the design for Rarity's own dress and the unfinished pieces of fabric on the mannequin, and gets an idea.

Meanwhile inside Rarity's room, she's still wallowing in self pity. That is until she hears her cat Ruby meowing incessantly outside, looks out her window, and sees him up in a tree level with her window! This prompts Rarity to finally leave her room to go rescue her pet. When she gets outside, she is surprised to discover that Rainbow Dash has flown Ruby up into that tree in order to lure Rarity outside.... where she finds her own completed outfit waiting for her, made exactly the way she designed it.

The ponies restage the FASHION SHOW inside Rarity's shop as a private viewing for the Fashion Maven, this time featuring all of Rarity's original outfits for them. And it's a huge success! Staged using stylized shots like a music video combined with an anime transformation sequence: For example, a sparkling field of stars from which we pull back to reveal that those stars were an extreme close-up of Twilight's themed outfit. Rarity is wearing her own outfit, which is particularly amazing. The Fashion Maven loves all of it! And wants Rarity's designs for his store in Canterlot. Yay!

"Can you make a dozen of each by Tuesday?" Rarity smiles nervously, twitching with a stress tick. Great.

THE END