

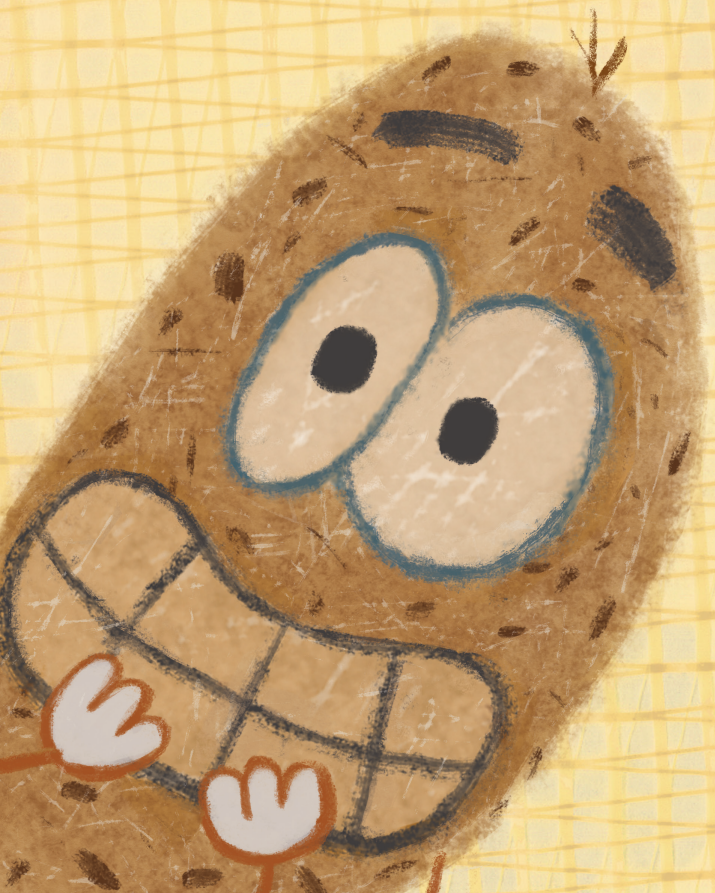
POTATO PANTS!

Storytime Kit

Host a storytime with *Potato Pants!*, the hilarious, heartwarming tale of forgiveness by bestselling and award-winning creator Laurie Keller.

This kit includes:

- Storytime event suggestions and read-aloud tips
- Reproducible activities
- Potato paper dolls for giveaway



Host a Storytime!

Event Suggestions

- Set out snacks for the kids. Don't forget the potato chips!
- Encourage kids to come in their wackiest pants—or have costumes for dress up!
- Have a dance party and teach the kids how to do the po-bot (it's like the robot, but for potatoes).
- Make your own potato prints—check out the instructions in this booklet!
- Make copies of the activities in this booklet and provide markers or crayons.

Read-Aloud Tips

- Use different voices for Potato, Eggplant, Tubérto, and all the different characters—or invite kids to come up and read the different parts.
- Potato experiences a range of emotions throughout the book. Point out Potato on each page and ask the kids how they think he is feeling based on his expression.
- After you finish reading, talk to the kids about forgiveness and making new friends.



Make Your Own Potato Prints!

After the read-aloud, follow these easy steps to make potato prints with the kids.

Supplies:

- Paper or fabric
- Knife (for adult use only)
- Cookie cutters
- Paper towels
- Paper plates
- Paint
- Potatoes (of course!)



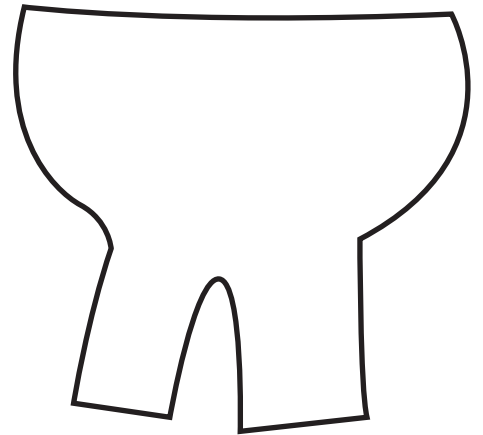
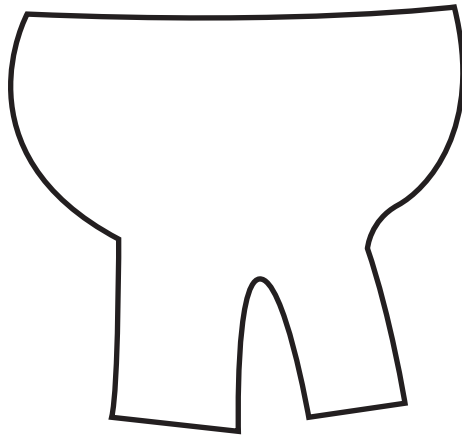
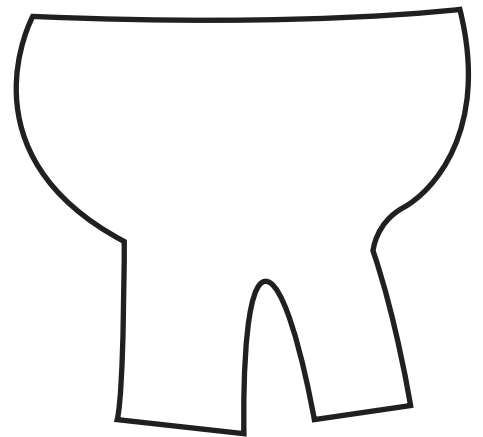
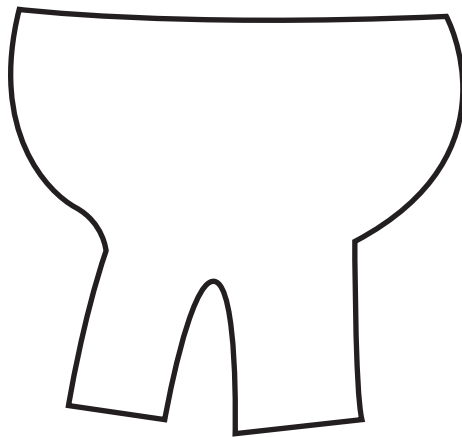
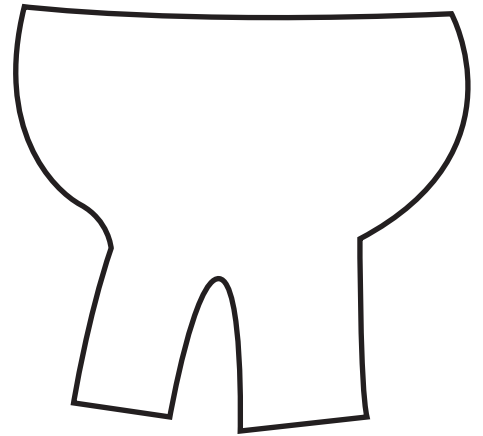
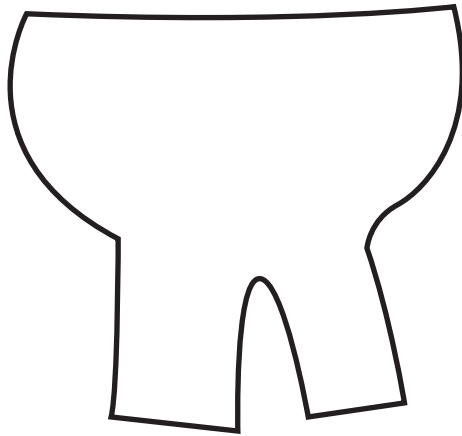
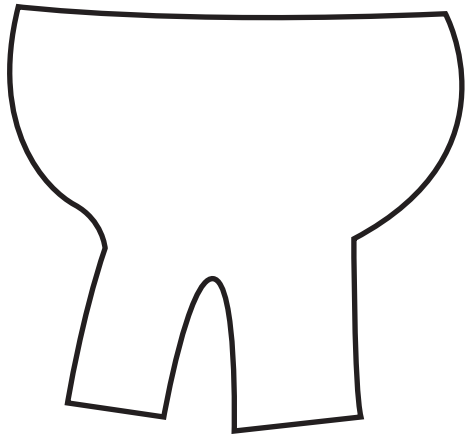
Instructions:

1. Cut a potato in half
2. Press a cookie cutter into the center of the potato
3. With the potato flat on the table, push the cookie cutter into the potato and remove any excess potato from around the cookie cutter
4. Take the potato shape out of the cookie cutter, and use a paper towel to blot off any moisture
5. Put paint onto a paper plate and dip the potato shape into the paint (you'll want a thin, even layer)
6. Stamp the shape onto paper and start getting creative!



Design Your Own Pants!

Tubérto, the creator of Potato Pants, needs some help with his next collection. Grab your markers or crayons and color in these pants. Get creative!



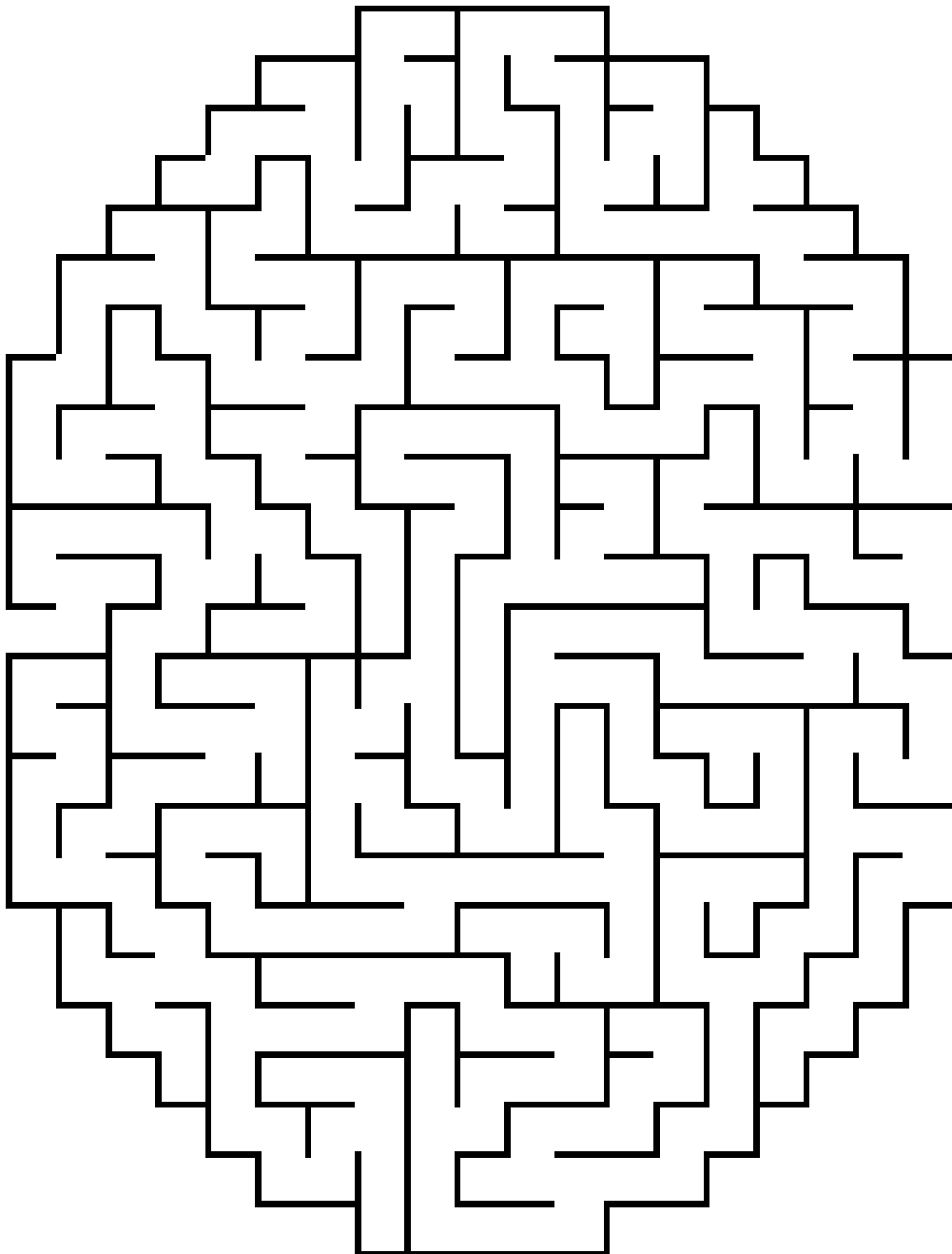
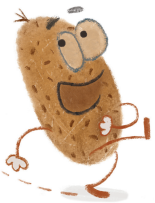
Spot the Difference

Look at the two pictures below. Can you find the differences?
(Hint: There are four!)



Potato Pants Sale!

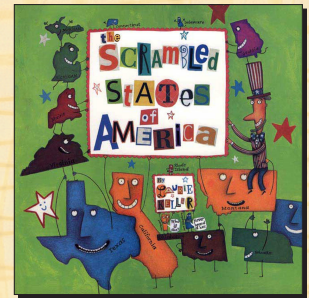
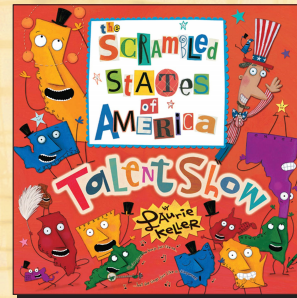
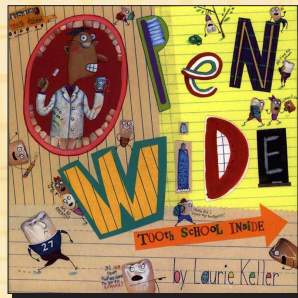
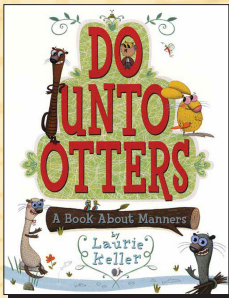
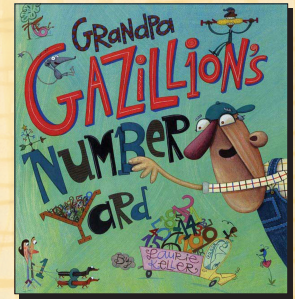
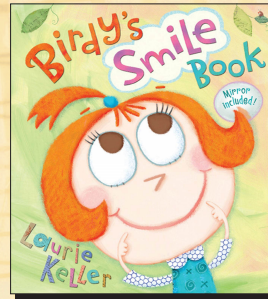
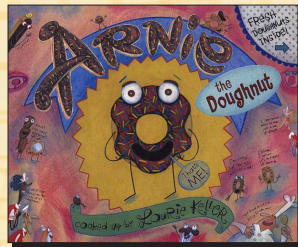
Lance Vance's Fancy Pants Store is selling Potato Pants . . . for one day only! Can you help Potato find his way to the store?



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Laurie Keller

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