



# Letterboxer Badge Packet At Home

**This packet is intended to be used in conjunction with the GSUSA badge guide. Within this packet, you will find activities for steps that can be done at home.**

# Step 1: Get started with Letterboxing

## What is Letterboxing?

**Letterboxing is an amazing adventure game played by people all over the world. Use your curiosity and join in. To play, you follow clues to find a hidden box with special items inside. In North America, there are thousands of letterboxes. Maybe there is one near you! Find out at [www.atlasquest.com](http://www.atlasquest.com).**

## Some things you'll need for your Adventure:

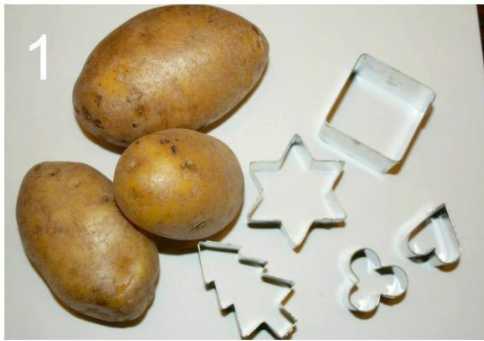
- ◆ A notebook for collecting stamps
- ◆ Your own stamp (We make one in step 2!)
- ◆ An ink pad
- ◆ A pen or pencil to leave a message
- ◆ A poncho/raincoat/jacket in case of bad weather.
- ◆ A magnifying glass for looking up close.
- ◆ Perhaps even a compass to find your way!

## Learn some new vocabulary!

When you go to the letterboxing website, look at the left-hand side and look for the word “Glossary.” Click on it and find the definitions of the words below and many others that might help with your letterboxing adventures! You don't want to be labeled as a muggle!

- ◆ Hitchhiker
- ◆ Parasite
- ◆ Cuckoo Clue
- ◆ Microbox

## Step 2: Find You Own Stamp



### Make a Potato Stamp

#### Supplies

- ◆ Potato- Longer than Rounder
- ◆ Cookie Cutter
- ◆ Knife



1. Select a potato that is longer (rather than round) and is wide enough to accommodate the cookie cutter that you are going to use.

2. Cut the end of the potato – about 1/3 of the potato.

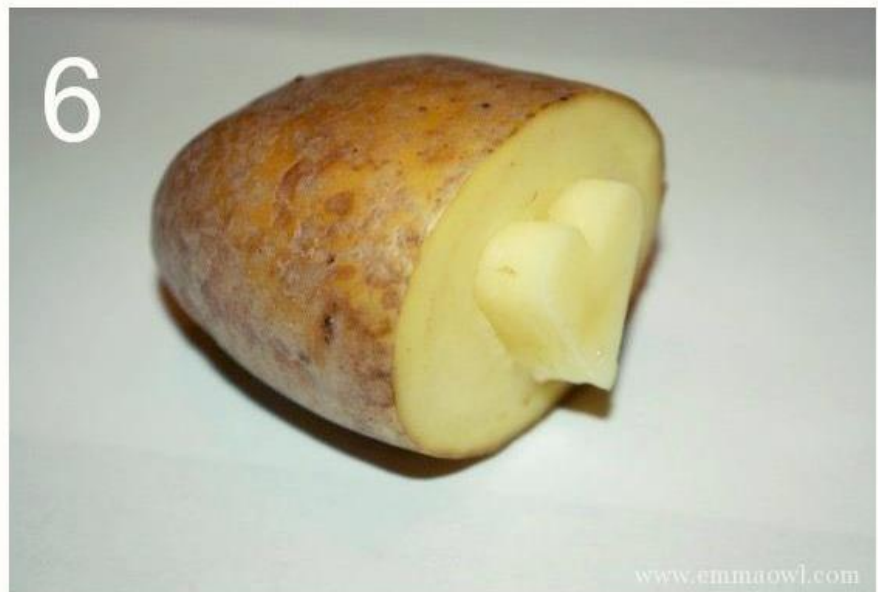
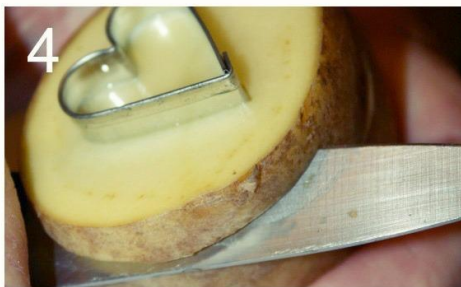
3. Push the cookie cutter into the potato – at least 1/2” deep!



4. Cut around the cookie cutter (about 1/4” down) – making sure you make contact

5. Remove the potato you have just cut and make sure you have all the bits off the cutter.

6. Remove cookie cutter and there you go! The perfect stamp!



## Step 3: Practice Solving Clues

Have the girls hide something, and make a clue for their siblings or you to find. Have them use a secret code where they replace each letter to their clue with a number, like the following:

**A-1**

**B- 2**

**C- 3**

**D-4**

**E-5**

**F-6**

**G-7**

**H-8**

**I-9**

**J-10**

**K-11**

**L-12**

**M-13**

**N-14**

**O-15**

**P-16**

**Q-17**

**R-18**

**S-19**

**T-20**

**U-21**

**V-22**

**W-23**

**X-24**

**Y-25**

**Z-26**

8 1 22 5

6 21 14!

## Step 4: Search for a Letter Box

Go on a letterboxing adventure around the house! You could make up your own letterboxes that have a stamp in each one or you can make a game out of finding lunch! Each clue leads them to a box or a new ingredient with the next clue. There are two ways to give the clues to the adventurer for each stop. That way you can switch them up as you go if you'd like, or you can always make up your own!

**Here are the clues. Make sure you give them to the girls one at a time!**

1.

For your first stamp/ingredient, here's what you do

Go find a box, and you'll get your next clue.

Start in your room, did you make your bed?

Look at the place where you lay your head.

OR

Look for the first clue where your head lays at night.

2.

How about this game, do you think it's fun?

Go to the place where the dishes get done.

Now is the time, what do you think?

The next box/ingredient is hidden in the –

OR

Go to where the dishes get done, you might find something there!

3. Using the code on the previous step, solve this puzzle on your sheets!

12 9 22 9 14 7      18 15 15 13

21 14 4 5 18      20 8 5      3 15 21 3 8

4.

Some words on these clues have helped you succeed  
Now on to the place where you can pick things to read,  
This one I think you can find by yourself,  
The next clue is hidden on the-

OR

Find the place where you might pick something out to read.

5.

Go back in the kitchen and find the box  
That you put in corn and make it pop  
Pull the handle and what's inside?  
Why, the last stamp/ingredient you will find!

OR

Last clue is in the machine we use to pop popcorn.

## Step 5: Make a Letterbox

**Now it's time for the girl to make a letterboxing adventure for you or her siblings!  
Have her write out clues like the ones above!**

After completing all of the Steps, you have earned the Letterboxer badge! Congratulations!