

Penguin Cha-Cha

A Storytime Kit
for libraries, bookstores, classrooms, zoos, and families



About this Storytime Kit

This Storytime Kit is designed to complement a reading of the picture book **Penguin Cha-Cha** by Kristi Valiant (Random House) and contains the following:

- Event Invitation
- The Penguin Popsicle Game
- If You're a Dancer and You Know It
- Penguin Props
- Penguin Family Portrait
- Make a Dancing Penguin
- Coloring Sheet

About the Book

Penguin Cha-Cha

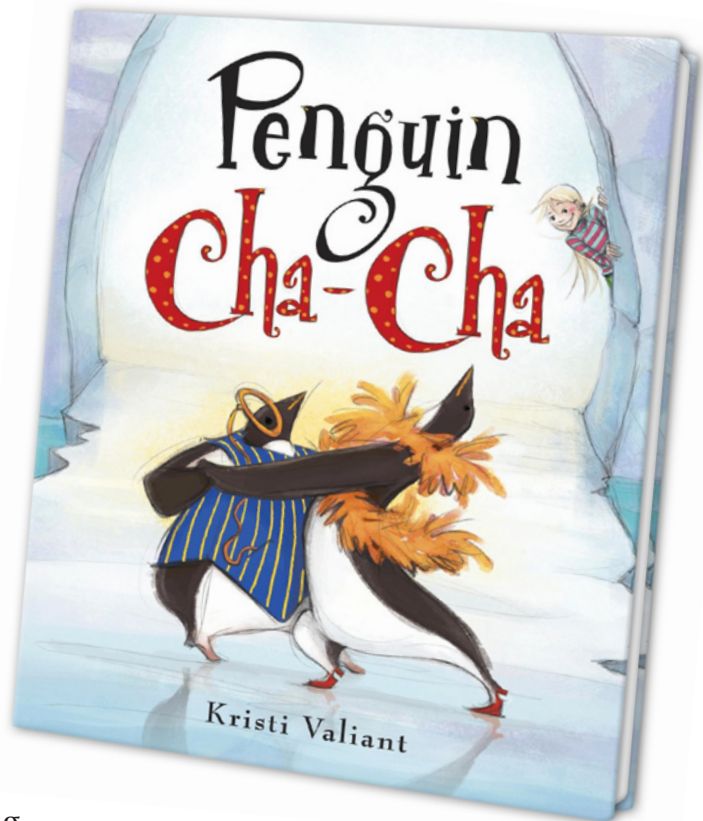
By Kristi Valiant

Random House Children's Books

40 page picture book for ages 2-7

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Follow a determined girl named Julia as she tries to join in the fun of a mischievous group of dancing penguins. Set in The Romping Chomping Park and Zoo, author/illustrator Kristi Valiant creates a vibrant, funny, and spirited picture book that will leave young readers shaking their very own tail feathers.



“Valiant has crafted a fast-paced and entertaining tale of zoo shenanigans.” - Kirkus

“...this one is guaranteed to dance off the shelves.” - School Library Journal

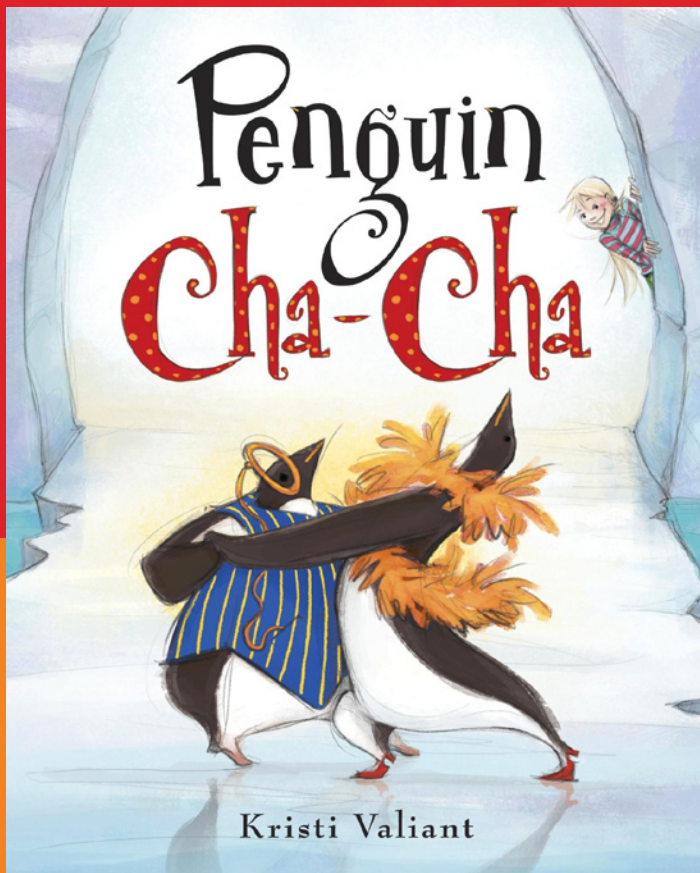


About the Author/Illustrator

Kristi's love of dance led her to perform and compete in a Latin and swing dance group called The Fourth Street Alley Cats. Unfortunately, there were no penguins in the group. This is Kristi's first picture book as both author and illustrator. She illustrated **Pretty Minnie in Paris** written by Danielle Steel (Random House, 2014) and has illustrated the Little Wings chapter book series and a handful of picture books including **The Goodbye Cancer Garden** and **Cora Cooks Pancit**. Kristi grew up in Wisconsin and now lives in Indiana with her husband, daughters, and a room full of monkeys and hippos (and some sneaky penguins).

You're invited to a

Penguin PARTY!



Place:

Date:

Time:

Let's Dance!

The Penguin Popsicle Game

The penguins froze like penguin Popsicles whenever Julia came into their cove. In this game, one child pretends to be Julia (Julian for boys) and the rest of the children pretend to be dancing penguins. Julia(n) stands off to the side and faces away from the penguins. The penguins dance until Julia(n) turns around to face them. The penguins have to quickly freeze like Penguin Popsicles. The first person Julia(n) catches dancing becomes the next Julia(n).



If You're a Dancer and You Know It

If you're a dancer and you know it... Wave your arms.

If you're a dancer and you know it... Wave your arms.

*If you're a dancer and you know it,
then your moves will surely show it.*

If you're a dancer and you know it... Wave your arms.

If you're a dancer and you know it... Whirl and twirl.

If you're a dancer and you know it... bounce around.

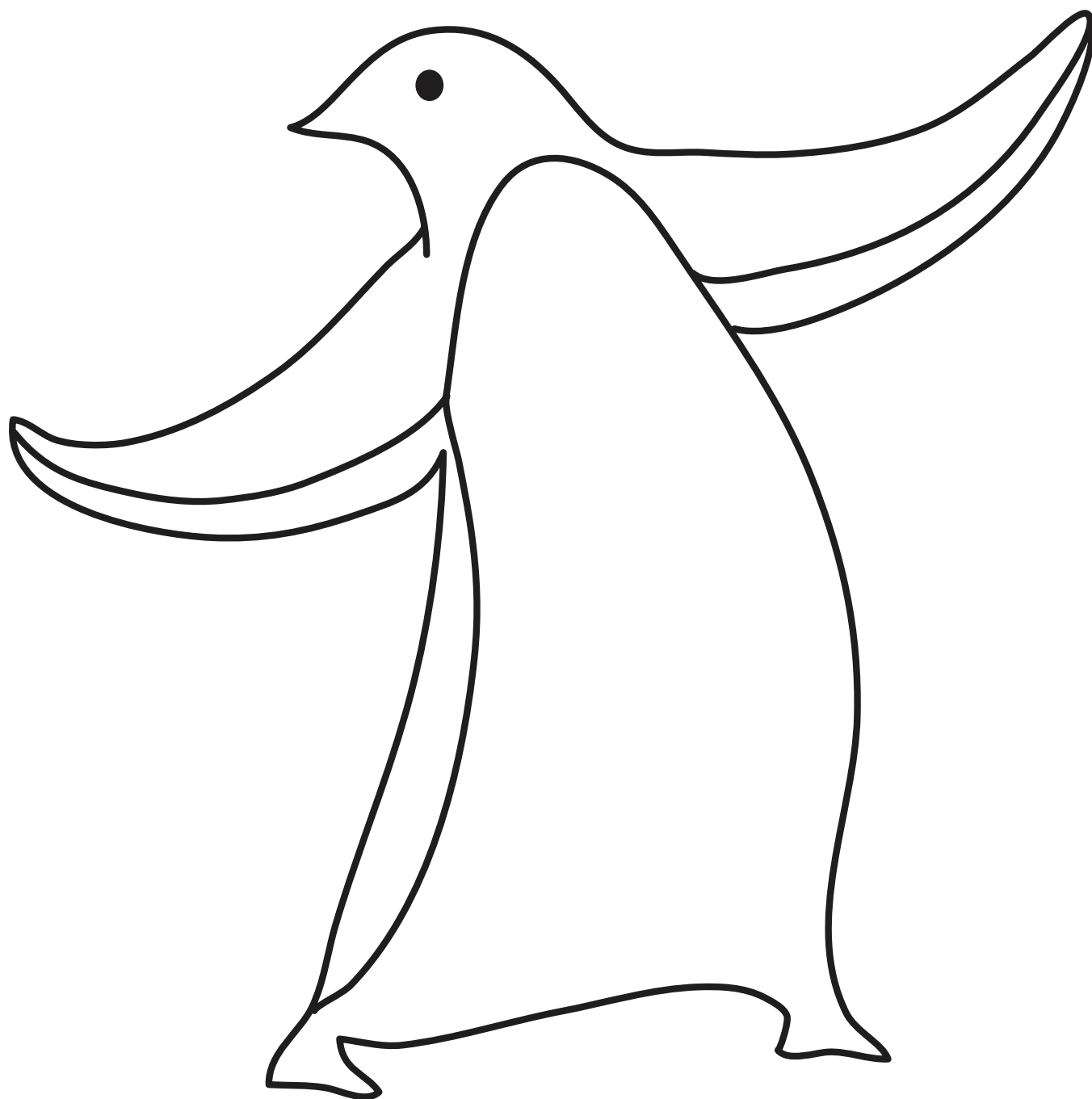
If you're a dancer and you know it... do all 3!

A variation for tamer audiences: Point your toe... Lift your arms... Wiggle now!



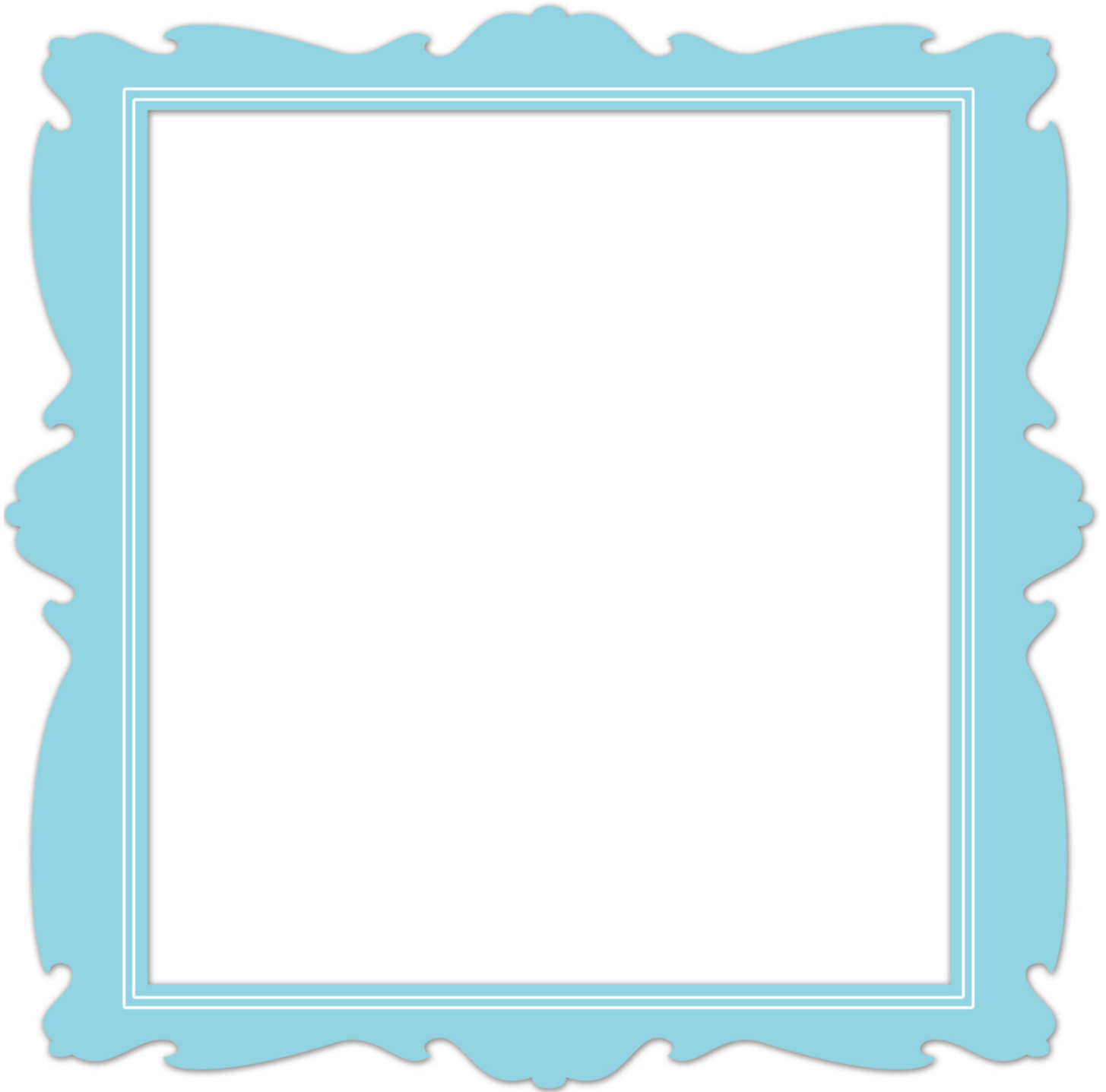
Penguin Props

The penguins in the story dance with a variety of props - hats and clothes, fans and bows. Add your own props to this penguin below by coloring or gluing on things like pom-poms, feathers, glitter, or beads.



Penguin Family Portrait

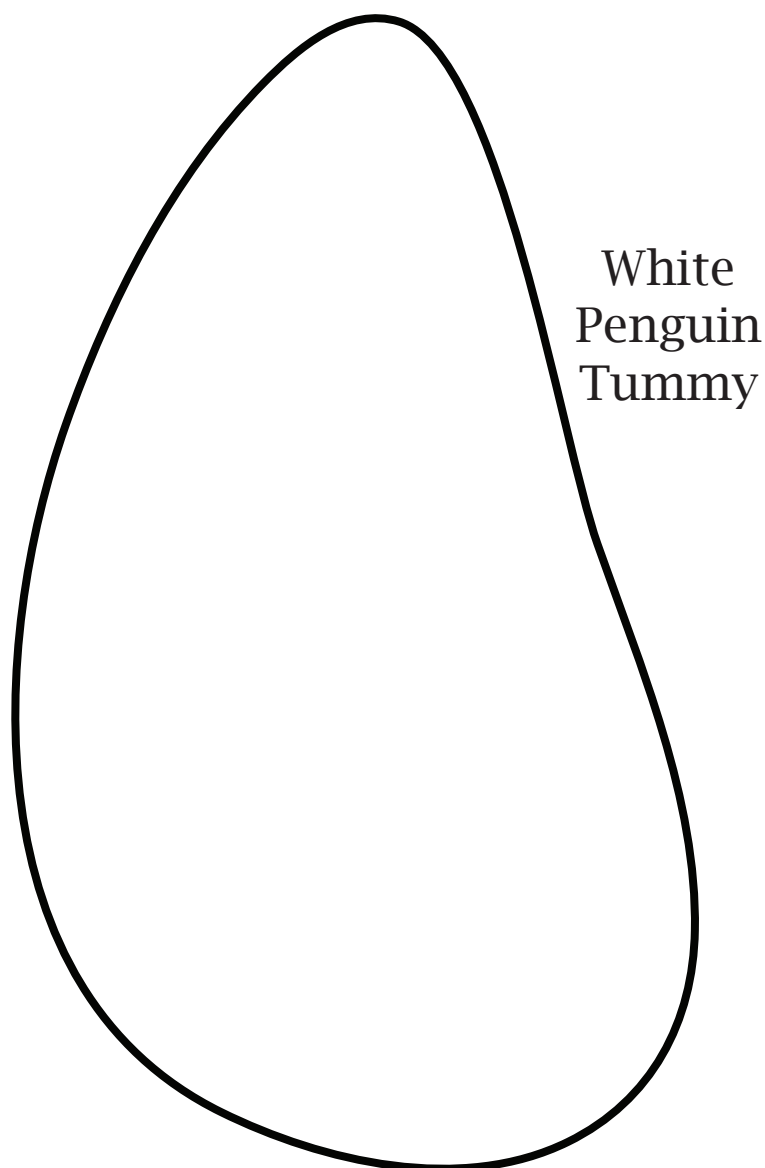
Julia tries to make the penguins think she's a penguin too by dressing up as one. If your family members were penguins, what would they look like? Do you have a dad who wears glasses? Does your mom carry a big purse? Do you have a baby brother or sister in diapers? Draw your family as penguins in the picture frame below.



Make a Dancing Penguin

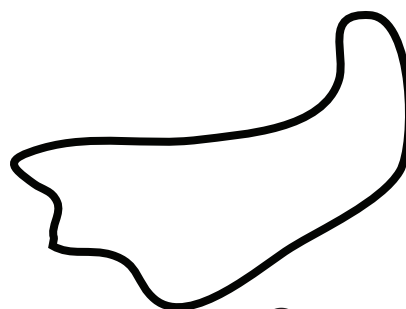
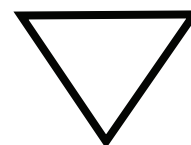
Let's get this party started with your own dancing penguin!

Use black paper and the template on the next page to cut out your dancing penguin's body and flippers. Use white paper for your penguin's tummy and orange paper for your penguin's mouth and feet (or print them on white paper and color them). Don't forget the googly eyes! Then using scraps of patterned paper or craft materials, add your own props to your penguin. Top hat, suspenders, feather boa... Get creative with the props and how you position the flippers and feet to dance!

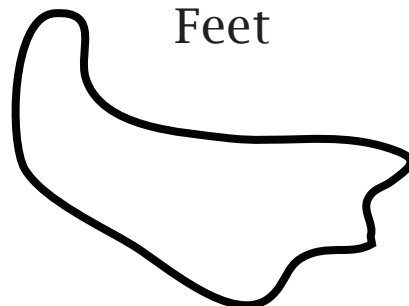


White
Penguin
Tummy

Orange Mouth



Orange
Feet



Black
Flipper

Black
Flipper

Black
Penguin
Body



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