Dominoes with Dotty and Wilson

Number of players
2 – 6

Preparation
Cut out the large tiles on the following pages.

Aim of the game
To match up corresponding number of ladybird dots and numerals.

How to play the game
1. Put the dominoes on the table so that you cannot see the pictures and numbers. This is called putting the dominoes ‘face down’.
2. Mix the dominoes up by moving them around.
3. Let each player take 6 dominoes. (If more than 4 children are playing, each player should take only 3 dominoes). Some dominoes will be left over. You will need these later.
4. The youngest player goes first by placing one of their dominoes in the middle of the table face up i.e. so that everyone can see the picture and number on it.
5. The second player (the player to the left of the youngest player) tries to put a domino on the table that matches one side of what’s already there. The player can match a number with a number, a ladybird with a ladybird, or a ladybird with a number.

If a player cannot match any numbers/ladybirds, the player picks a domino from the spare pile and waits for their next go.

6. The third player tries to put a domino on the table. Matching at either end is allowed. Again, if a match cannot be made, the player takes a domino from the spare pile.

7. Players continue to take turns in trying to match dominoes until someone uses up all their dominoes (or no-one can add any more dominoes to the trail).
Once cut out, you can laminate the dominoes if you want them to be reused multiple times.
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Hmm... Can you help me count all the spots on the ladybirds?