

SPIDERS

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MARBLE SPIDER WEBS

Put black construction paper in cookie tray. Drop marble in white paint. Drop marble on paper and roll back and forth to make spider webs.

EGG CARTON SPIDERS

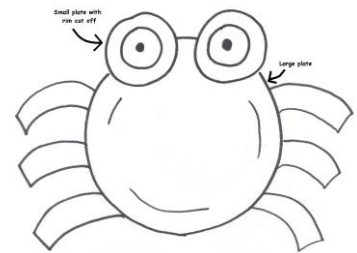
Material: Empty egg carton
Black paint
Black pipe cleaners
Googly eyes
Glue
Push pin or paper clip



1. Cut the cups off an empty egg carton and place them on newspaper. Paint the cups, inside and out, with a coat of black acrylic paint.
2. To make fuzzy legs, cut four black pipe cleaners into 7-inch lengths. Thread a pipe cleaner through one of the holes, into the cup, and out the corresponding hole on the other side. Make sure the ends protrude an equal length from both sides of the cup and bend them upward at the base of the spider's body. Fold in the opposite direction midway down the legs to create knees and bend the tips to make feet.
3. Glue on googly eyes.

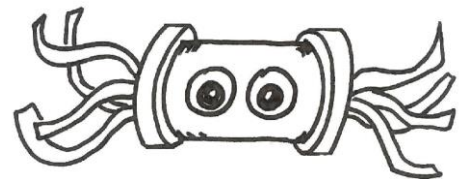
PAPER PLATE SPIDER

Use 2 small paper plates and a large paper plate to construct a spider. Add legs and eyes from scraps.



SPOOL SPIDERS

Use an empty spool. Thread 4 lengths of black yarn through the hole to make legs. Secure with glue. Attach eyes made of stick-on dots. Roll the spider across the floor!



3-D SPIDERS WEBS

Give children paper and glue bottles. Squeeze glue over papers to form lines (like a web) When dry they will be able to feel the web.

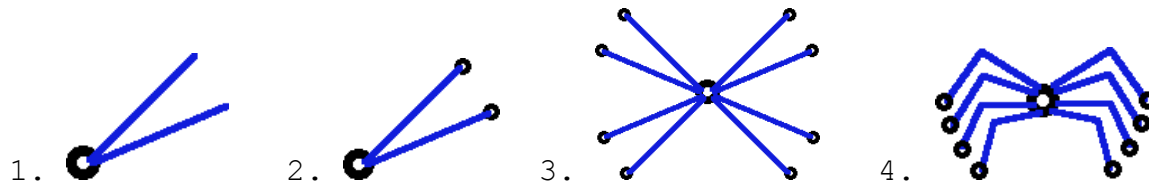
STRINGY SPIDER WEBS

Material: thumbtacks, wooden boards, string colored chalk, paper, tape

1. Tie a string to the thumbtack and push into board.
2. Tape the paper to the board
3. Rub the string with chalk
4. Show kids how to pull the string with one hand and snap it with the other making a chalk line.
5. Let kids experiment moving the string about to create a web design.

MAGNET SPIDERS

Materials: Pipe cleaners
8 small donut magnets
1 large donut magnet



1. Wrap pipe cleaner around large magnet a few times to form legs.
2. Attach small magnets to ends of pipe cleaner.
3. Use 3 more pipe cleaners to make other 6 legs.
4. Bend legs upward to make spider.

SPIDER BRACELETS



Material: Black construction paper, Wiggle eyes, White paper (for "fangs"), Paper fastener, Stapler and staples, Scissors, White crayon, Glue, Pencil

1. Fold black construction paper in half.
2. Along folded edge, lay child's hand palm down (midway through palm) and trace fingers with white crayon.
3. Cut out the outline of the fingers.
4. Unfold and you have a complete image of a spider with eight legs. Now turn the spider over and with the pencil, roll the legs around the pencil (this makes the legs curl under and gives a more creepy, crawly effect.)
5. Cut a 1" strip of black paper from the remaining scraps, and form it into a circle for the bracelet part. At the appropriate length, staple the ends together.
6. Attach the bracelet to the underside center of the spider using the paper fastener.
7. Glue on the wiggle eyes and the "fangs" that you design and cut from the white paper to the spider's head.
8. The child puts his/her fingers or wrist through the bracelet...the kids can make their spiders creep and crawl with a back & forth rocking motion of their wrists. The paper fastener allows the spider to turn back and forth or 360 degrees, too!

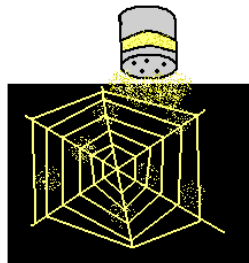
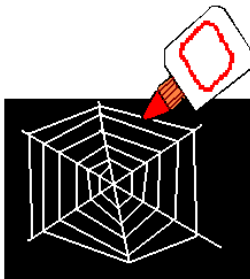
PAPER PLATE SPIDERS

1. Paint a paper plate black and let dry.
2. Cut strips from construction paper and staple to plate - 4 on each side.
3. Add circle stickers for eyes.
4. Poke a hole in the center of the plate and add a piece of string, knotting it so it will stay. Add a loop to the top of the string to hold to make the spider 'walk'.

THUMBPRINT SPIDERS

Press thumb on ink pad and print onto construction paper. Add legs with marker. (Note: you can combine this with the marble webs to make great pictures.)

GLITTERING SPIDER WEBS



1. Draw spider webs using glue.
2. Sprinkle with gold or silver glitter.
3. Let dry.
4. Shake off excess glitter.

SPIDER HAT

Black and orange construction paper

Glue

Scissors

1. Cut eight strips of black paper 1 1/2" x 9" 2. Cut one strip of black paper 2" x 22" (you could substitute two 11" pieces glued together).
2. Using the picture as a guide, cut the following: Large black circles, Medium orange circles, Small black circles
3. Glue orange circle to edge of large black circle. Glue small black circle to edge of orange circle.
4. Measure the 22" piece around child's head, overlap and glue ends together. Glue the eyes to the hatband with black eyes touching as shown. Fold the leg strips in half. Fold one end of each leg strip back 1". Glue the straight end to the inside edge of the hatband.
5. Fold and glue the remaining legs. You will have four legs on each side of your hat as shown



SONGS

ITSY BITSY SPIDER

Itsy bitsy spider went up the water spout.
Down came the rain and washed the spider out.
Up came the sun and dried up all the rain,
Then the itsy bitsy spider crawled up the spout again.

SILLY WILLY SPIDER (to tune of "Itsy Bitsy Spider")

The silly willy spider
Crawled up on _____'s head!
It crawled all around
Then made a nice soft bed.
It wiggled down his/her shoulder
And jumped down to the floor
Then the silly willy spider
Crawled to someone else for more!

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A SPIDER (to tune of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie")

Have you ever seen a spider, a spider, a spider?
Have you ever seen a spider, a-spinning a web.
Spin this way and that way,
Spin this way and that way,
Have you ever seen a spider a-spinning its web?

THE SPIDER IN THE WEB (to tune of "The Farmer in the Dell")

The spider in the web, the spider in the web
Spin, spin, oh watch him spin,
The spider in the web.

The spider eats a fly,
The spider eats a fly.
Spin, spin oh watch him spin
The spider in the web.

The spider likes to crawl,
The spider likes to crawl,
Spin, spin oh watch him spin
The spider likes to crawl.
(add verses with *jump, dig, run, swim*)

SPIDER ON THE FLOOR (to tune of "If You're Happy and you Know It")

There's a spider on the floor, on the floor.
There's a spider on the floor, on the floor.
Who could ask for any more,
than a spider on the floor.
There's a spider on the floor, on the floor.

Now the spider's on my leg; on my leg.
Oh the spider's on my leg, on my leg.
Oh, he's really big!
This old spider on my leg.
There's a spider on my leg, on my leg.

Now the spider's on my stomach, on my stomach.
Oh, the spider's on my stomach, on my stomach.
Oh, he's just a dumb old lummox,
This old spider on my stomach .
There's a spider on my stomach, on my stomach.

Now the spider's on my neck, on my neck.
Oh the spider's on my neck, on my neck.
Oh, I'm gonna' be a wreck,
I've got a spider on my neck.
There's a spider on my neck, on my neck.

Now the spider's on my face, on my face.
Oh, the spider's on my face, on my face.
Oh, what a big disgrace,
I've got a spider on my face.
There's a spider on my face, on my face.

Now the spider's on my head, on my head.
Oh, the spider's on my head, on my head.
Oh, I wish that I were dead.
I've got a spider on my head.
There's a spider on my head, on my head.

(spoken) But he jumps off...Now.....

There's a spider on the floor, on the floor.
There's a spider on the floor, on the floor.
Who could ask for any more,
Than a spider on the floor.
There's a spider on the floor, on the floor

THE SPIDER (to tune "O Susanna")

I was sitting in my room one day when it came right through the door
A big spider sped right by me-Went racing cross the floor

Chorus: Oh that spider, Oh how it scared me so
But spiders can be good friends and so I let it go

I watched it crawl up on the wall, to find a spot just right
It spun a web so beautiful and then went out of sight

CHORUS

Now bugs and flies do not scare me for I know that its true
That a spider web is good to have, bugs stick to it like glue

CHORUS

SPIDER, SPIDER (to tune of "Bicycle Built for Two")

Spider, spider,
You are a friend I know.
You eat bugs that
Eat little plants that grow.
You're not so very scary.
You're not so very hairy.
You have eight feet.
Your web is neat,
Little spider friend of mine!

(substitute other types of insects for spider to eat)

SPIN, SPIN, LITTLE SPIDER (to tune of "Ten Little Indians")

Spin, spin, little spider,
Spin, spin, wider, wider.
Spin, spin, little spider,
Early in the morning.

Dance, dance, little spider,
Dance, Dance, Dance out wider.
Dance, dance, little spider,
Early in the morning.

repeat second verse using "jump, crawl, run"

OTHER FUN STUFF

FOLLOW THE WEB

Tie small prizes to end of strings. Wrap the strings around tables, chairs, etc. Each person takes one string and winds it up as he follows to prize.

STICKY DANCE

Choose 1 child to be a spider. Spider moves through room by bending, stretching, twisting and touches other children. They stick to each other until all are stuck together.

SPIDER DANCE

Materials: 8 long ribbons for each child

Have children hold four ribbons in each hand. These are spider legs. Encourage children to create a spider dance by moving their bodies and the ribbons. Sweep, wave, stretch, jerk, and more. Encourage creativity while giving them new vocabulary words.

SPIDER WEB DANCE

Materials: yarn, rubber spider

Attach spider to the beginning of the yarn. Let one child weave and spin and move spider around room trailing web. Wind the web through something and pass it to another child. Continue until a giant web is spun.

GIANT SPIDER

Collect nine 30 gallon garbage bags, old newspapers and twine. Stuff one bag with newspaper to make head. Tie bag shut and have children paint face on spider. Let children stuff other eight bags. Tie twine around middle of each bag to make long, skinny spider legs. Attach legs to head.

STICKY SPIDER

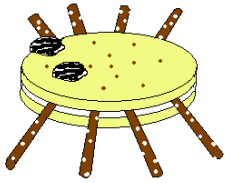
Choose 1 child to be spider. Have them move through the room like a spider. Anyone they touch sticks to them and moves around with them.

SNACK

SPIDER SANDWICHES

Use round cookie cutter to cut bread into circles. Spread peanut butter on circles. Add narrow strips of cheddar cheese for legs and raisin for eyes.

SPIDER BITES



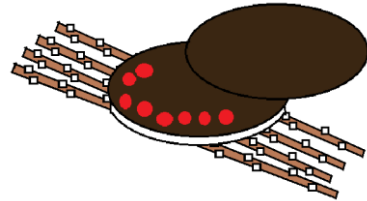
1. Spread cream cheese onto a round cracker.
2. Place another round cracker on top
3. Stick 8 pretzel sticks into cream cheese
4. Stick 2 raisins on top with dot of cream cheese (or if kids insist, 8)

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Insert pretzel sticks or crunchy Chinese noodles into the sides of prunes to make "spiders."

OREO SPIDER

Use an Oreo for the body and the head. Twist apart the cookie. Use pretzels for the legs. Use decorating gel for the eyes



FINGERPLAYS

BIG SPIDER

I'm a big spider (hold arms out - move up & down)
I spin, I spin, (turn in slow circles)
I spin big webs, (continue spinning)
To catch flies in. (slap hands together loudly)

LITTLE SPIDER

See the little spider
Climbing up the wall, (crawl fingers up opposite arm)
See the little spider
Stumble and fall (drop fingers quickly down arm)
See the little spider
Tumble down the street, (jump fingers down leg)
See the little spider
Stop down at my feet (rest fingers on foot)

SEE THE SPIDER

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1, 2, 3, 4... (fingers up)
See the spider on the floor (shade eyes, point down)
5, 6, 7, 8... (fingers up)
See the spider on the gate (shade eyes, point down)
Lots of legs and lots of eyes (Wiggle legs, point to eyes)
Spinning webs and catching flies (wiggle fingers and clap hands)

LITTLE MISS MUFFET

Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet (fist with thumb up)
Eating her curds and whey (pretend to eat)
Along came a spider (run fingers across floor)
And sat down beside her (stop fingers next to fist)
And frightened Miss Muffet away (run thumb behind back)

SPIDER BOOKS

J 398.2 KEA	Keams	Grandmother Spider Brings The Sun
J 398.2 MCD	McDermott	Anansi The Spider
J 398.2 MOL	Mollel	Ananse's Feast
J 398.2 NOR	Norfolk	Anansi And The Tug O' War
J 398.2 TEM	Temple	Tiger Soup
J 398.24 AAR	Aardema	Anansi Finds A Fool
J 398.245 KIM	Kimmel	Anansi And The Moss-Covered Rock
J 595 – 595.44 MAR		This section has books on spiders.
J 782.4 RUS	Russell	Spider On The Floor
J 821 HOW	Howitt	Spider And The Fly
E BODKIN	Bodkin	Christmas Cobwebs
E CARLE	Carle	Very Busy Spider
E CLIMO	Climo	Cobweb Christmas
E CRONIN	Cronin	Diary Of A Spider
E CRUST	Crust	Melvin's Cold Feet
E CUMMINGS	Cummings	Ananse And The Lizard
E CZAJAK	Czajak	Seaver The Weaver
E DODD	Dodd	I Love Bugs
E FREEMAN	Freeman	Manuelo The Playing Mantis
E HALEY	Haley	Story, A Story
E HARPER	Harper	Itsy Bitsy The Smart Spider
E KIMMEL	Kimmel	Anansi And The Magic Stick
E KIMMEL	Kimmel	Anansi And The Talking Melon
E KIMMEL	Kimmel	Anansi Goes Fishing
E KIMMEL	Kimmel	Anansi's Party Time
E KIMMEL	Kimmel	Spider's Gift
E KIRK	Kirk	Miss Spider (Series)
E KRUMWIEDE	Krumwiede	Just Itzy
E LASKY	Lasky	Show And Tell Bunnies
E LONDON	London	Dreamweaver
E LONG	Long	Soup For One
E MACDONALD	MacDonald	Spider Who Created The World
E MONKS	Monks	Aaaarrgghh! Spider!
E NOBLE	Noble	Christmas Spider's Miracle
E ROGERS	Rogers	Dinah's Web
E SARDEGNA	Sardegna	Roly Poly Spider
E SHEA	Shea	I'm A Shark
E SHIELDS	Shields	Bugliest Bug
E SPINELLI	Spinelli	Sophie's Masterpiece
E TRAPANI	Trapani	Itsy Bitsy Spider

SOUND RECORDINGS

J RABBIT	Rabbit Ears Treasury Of World Tales (Anansi)
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DVDS

J 791.43 CAT	Cat In The Hat Knows A Lot About That – 3 DVD Pack (Surprise Little Guys)
J 791.43 MAG	Magic School Bus – Creepy Crawly Fun
J 791.43 MIS	Miss Spider’s Sunny Patch Kids
J 791.43 SOP	Sophie’s Masterpiece

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