

Spider Unit

I. Concepts about Spiders for Child to Learn:

- Spiders are insects (bugs)
- Baby spiders hatch from eggs
- Baby spiders are called, "spider-lings"
- Spiders have 8 legs and 8 eyes
- A spider lives in a house called a "web" or spiders spin webs to live in
- Spiders move by walking or jumping
- Spiders use their web to catch bugs to eat
- Spiders are helpful since they eat bad bugs that could hurt us
- If a spiders loses a leg another one will grow back

<u>Types :</u>	<u>Body Parts:</u>	<u>Home :</u>	<u>Uses:</u>
Daddy Longlegs	8 legs	a web	Insect Control
Tarantula	2 body parts		
Garden Variety			

II. Stories To Be Read or Told:

1. *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle
2. *How Spider Saved Halloween* by Robert Kraus
3. *My First Taggies Book :The Itsy Bitsy Spider* by Scholastic,
Illustrated by Brenda Sexton
4. *Spider Fact Book* by Teresa Williams

III. Activities :

1. **Web Hunt:** Go on a spider hunt outside
2. **Catch a Real Web:** Collect a real web on construction paper with hairspray or white spray paint
3. **Make and Take Spider Book:** A spider booklet from *The Mailbox*, Oct/Nov. 1997 issue : many different things can be done with this booklet, plus it teaches spider facts. I have used the pages according to the level of the children in my class. Some years I have only used the first page which has a dot to dot spider web and have the children trace it or use puffy glue or paint to trace the web.
4. **Large Yarn Web:** We have made a large web by sitting on the floor and rolling yarn back and forth.
5. **Lace a Web:** Hole punch the outside edge of a paper plate, take yarn and thread it through one hole, tape it down on the back. Have the children lace a web with black yarn.

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III. Activities continued:

6. **Marble paint a web:** put a piece of black construction paper in a baking pan with an edge. Add a squirt of white or silver paint on the paper. Put a marble on the paper and roll it back and forth to make a web.
7. **Egg Carton Spiders:** Cut out each egg holder in an egg carton, if styrofoam, color with black crayon or marker, if cardboard, we used black paint. Add eight small black pipe cleaners for legs, and glue on eight small wiggle eyes.
8. **Tissue roll spiders:** Take an empty toilet tissue roll and cut out 4 legs on each side of the roll. Dip it in black paint and make spider prints
9. **Playdough Spiders:** Use 2 cups flour, 1 cup salt and black paint. You may have to add some water to this to make it pliable. I haven't made this in quite a few years, so I would need to experiment to have the exact recipe. I also have black play dough that is sold around Halloween time that we use in the play dough center. Made 2 balls, one large for body, one small for head, add on rolled rope like legs.
10. **Thumb Print Spiders:** Use black, or brown paint or ink in an inkpad and press in thumbs, press on paper or web that is made, and then draw on legs and eyes.
11. **Pom-Pom Spider:** glue 2 black pom-poms to paper, add either yarn or pipe cleaner legs
12. **Very Busy Spider Activity:** Glue brown construction paper frame on to paper, make a web . Depending on the level of my students- I may have a web for child to trace- you can use puffy paint , glitter glue, or white glue and add glitter, trace with a crayon or maker, or if children have excellent fine motor control, Trace web with glue and add precut yarn . add in a spider and fly. I found the fake flies that are sold around Halloween and n we added spider stickers. Also, with sticker paper one can make their own spider stickers with the computer and clip art.
- 13, **Itsy Bitsy Spider Activity:** Draw a house, find a clip art picture or make a construction paper house. Tape a plastic straw onto the house and add a spider ring to the straw. Say the poem while moving the spider ring up and down.
14. **Spider Booklet :** made by colleague in Henrico County Va.
Using prepositional phrases (on, across, above, below) and colors
15. **How Spider Saved Halloween activity:** See example in activity samples
Make a black paper spider, tape on 8 yarn legs and eyes. Make a round paper spider costume for Spider, it can be a pumpkin or any of the other

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III. Activities continued:

outfits used in the book to dress up spider.

IV. Food

1. Marshmallow spiders:

- large marshmallows.
- melted chocolate pieces,
- black string licorice,
- and red mm's

Add the string licorice to marshmallow, cover with melted chocolate, add red mm eyes.

2, **Pretzel Spider:** Same as above except use thin pretzel sticks instead of licorice