



Creepy, Crawly Spider

Make a "spook-tacular" spider that's fun and easy!

Skill Level: 

Time Needed: 1 hour

Age(s): 5 to 8

Appropriate For: Halloween

Supplies Needed:

- [Elmer's Glue-All™](#)
- Two Paper Plates
- [Elmer's Paintastics™](#)
- Black Construction Paper
- Newspaper
- Jiggly Eyes
- Scissors
- String
- Stapler

Project Rating: 5 Stars

Instructions

1. Paint the bottoms of two paper plates using Elmer's Paintastics™ black paint color. Let the paint dry completely.
2. Glue two Jiggly Eyes to the bottom of one of the plates. Let the glue dry completely.
3. Cut the black construction paper into eight strips 1" wide by 12" long.
4. Fold each strip back and forth accordion style. These will be the spider's legs.
5. Glue the legs to the top of the paper plate that does not have eyes. Let the glue dry completely.
6. Staple the two paper plates together around the rims. Leave an opening on one side to insert the newspaper.
7. Stuff the body of the spider with crumpled newspaper. Then, staple the hole closed. Staple a string to the top of the spider and hang!

Time-Saving Hints:

- Use black construction paper for the spider's body, instead of painting the paper plates black.

Teaching Tips:

- Discuss spiders with your students. Talk about the common characteristics that all spiders have— eight legs and a two-part body with an abdomen and a thorax. Discuss other spider characteristics, such as multiple eyes, fangs, and spinnerets, which allow spiders to spin silken webs.
- There are over 30,000 different types of spiders! Help your students research and name eight different kinds of spiders. Draw a large outline of a spider. List a spider your students name on each of the eight legs.
- Create a word web! Draw a web on a large sheet of paper. Write key vocabulary words on the web, and post it in a place where students can see it. Update the words on a regular basis.