

Spike's Halloween Activity

#SpikeDinosAdventures

Welcome to a themed Spike Dino page for children (and adults)

As it is Halloween, Spike has been looking around the museum for spooky and scary objects. He has found a few but has chosen just one for this info page.

This is Spike with a bird eating spider from Peru. It is part of the tarantula family and measures 18cm across it's leg span. Most spiders in Peru are hairy and large, and some hunt their prey on the ground, while others hunt in trees. Despite



being called a bird eating spider, they prefer to eat insects, arthropods and other spiders. They ambush their prey and kill it with their large fangs. All types of the spider make silk, which they use to build or line their home.

Luckily for Spike this one is not alive and is in a glass case and usually kept in a cupboard so we don't come across it by accident.

Spiders found in our houses can be useful catching flies and other insects that might carry germs which they spread by landing on our food. So although a scary feature of Halloween, spiders are useful creatures.

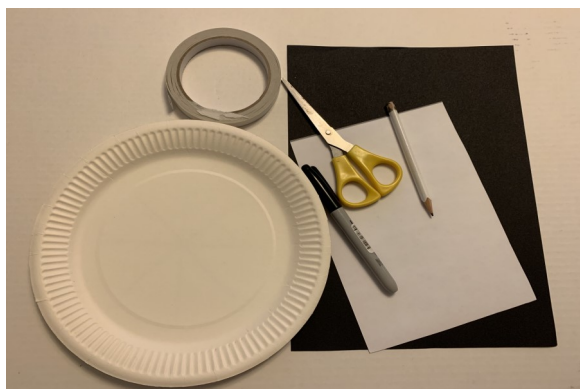
Activity; Make a spider in a web. Follow the instructions on the next page to make your own spider.

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Spike's Spider Web Craft

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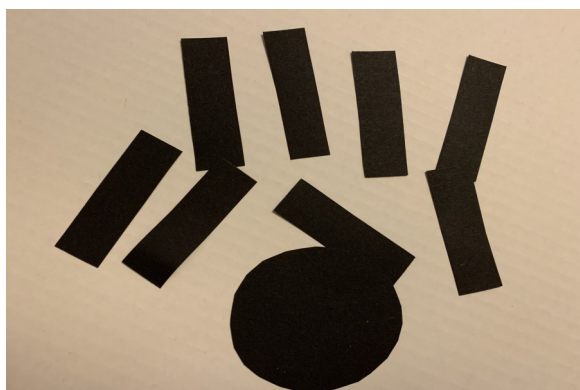
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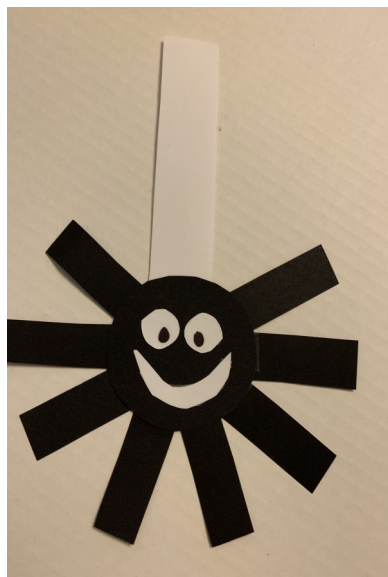
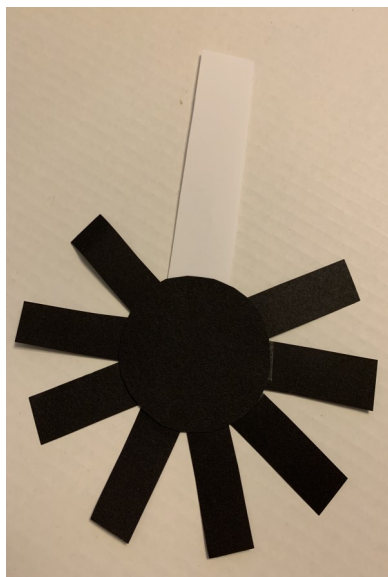
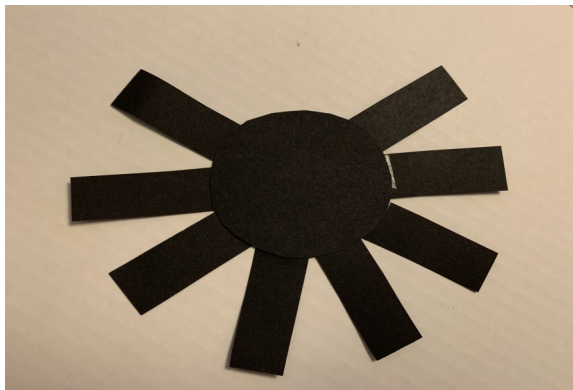
1. Collect a paper plate, marker pen, scissors, black & white card, double sided tape, pencil.



2. Use the pen to draw a spider web on the plate.



3. Cut out a circle and 8 legs from the black card. Stick the legs to the back of the circle as shown.



4. Cut out a strip of card, two eyes and a mouth from the white card. Stick the strip to the back of the circle and the eyes and mouth to the front as shown.



5. Finally ask a grown up to cut a slit in the plate to slot the white card strip through. Now wiggle your spider.

Great making - don't forget to share a picture with us.