

Spider Webs

Take a moment to appreciate the intricate detail of a spider's web and the time and skill involved in creating it.

Take some time outside looking at spiders' webs, their varying sizes shapes and structures. Look at where the spider has created the web and how it is held together. Do you know why spiders weave webs?

It's important not to damage any webs, they are a spider's home!

- How many different webs have you found? Did you see any spiders? If so how did they vary?
- Try drawing a web you have found, or try making a web pattern out of sticks and other natural items.
- Go outside in the morning, can you find a spider's web with morning dew on it? They're beautiful.

Make your own Spider's web

Now that you've spent some time exploring and learning about spider webs try making your own web.

Use string or rope to weave a web, similar to one you've found, it can be any size you want. Try different knots and techniques, find out what works best for you.

How does your finished web compare to a real spider's web?

Notes:

Did you know, given its size, spiders' silk is five times as strong as steel?

It can take a spider around 30-60 minutes to spin a small dinner plate sized web. Have a look at our knot sheets to help with making your webs.

Environmental Awareness

Appreciate and draw inspiration from the environment. Experience 'awe and wonder'.

Time:

1 hour

Space:

Garden, Park

Equipment:

Pencil, Paper, String or Rope

