

## CURBSIDE CRAFTS FROM THE PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM'S CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

# FANCY GARDEN SPIDER!

*Spiders are a garden's best friends. They eat the bugs that eat our flowers and other pesky insects like mosquitoes. Even indoors they work hard to keep unwanted insect pests away. Here is a colorful spider craft to celebrate all those spiders that help keep our world blooming!*



### Supplies in kit

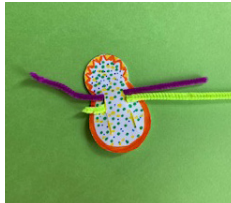
- 2 spider forms, one with cut slits
- 4 small pipe cleaners
- 3 pieces of string, one longer than the other two
- paper plate with pre-cut holes
- colored pasta “beads” to decorate the spider’s legs
- 2 googly eyes

### What you’ll need from home

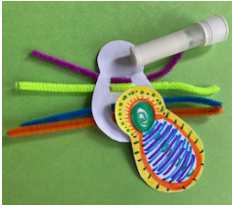
- glue stick or liquid school glue
- tape
- colored markers, pencils, crayons, or paint

### Directions

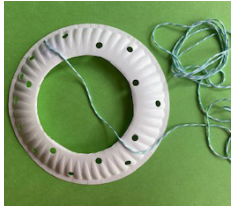
1. Color each spider form on one side. These will be the top and the bottom of the spider. Then slide/weave the colored pipe cleaners onto the bottom of the spider as pictured.



2. Glue the second spider shape on top of the pipe cleaners to make a little spider sandwich. Slide the pasta beads onto the legs and bend up the “feet” to hold the pasta in place and glue on the googly eyes.



3. Now it's time to weave the web! Color the paper plate. Tape one end of the long string to the back of the paper plate, and weave it in and out of the punched holes to create a "web." Tape the other end of the string to the back of the plate.



4. Tie one of the shorter strings to what you want to be the bottom of the web through one of the holes and tape the other end to the underside of the spider's head. Finally tie the last piece of string to the top of the paper plate as pictured so that you can hang it up for all to see!



## BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

*The Spider Weaver: A Legend of Kente Cloth* by Margaret Musgrove

*Anansi's Party Time* by Eric A. Kimmel

*Miss Spider's Tea Party* by David Kirk

*Diary of a Spider* by Doreen Cronin

*Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White



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