

Build Your Own Spider Web

Why are spiders associated with Halloween? Partly, it's because they have historic connections with witches. But, also, many of the spooky spots we associate with Halloween—graveyards, dungeons, old houses—are cool, dark, and full of nooks and crannies. That's exactly the environment that many insects love. Which means that it's also the environment that their predators, spiders, love too!

Materials:

- Three sticks (popsicle sticks work well)
- Glue
- Yarn
- Scissors
- Tiny spider (optional)



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What to Do:

1. Arrange the three popsicle sticks into a star shape. You can color or paint the sticks before using if you want a brighter spider web.
2. Glue or tie the popsicle sticks together. If you use glue, let them dry before continuing.
3. Cut off a long piece of yarn and tie it around one of the popsicle sticks, toward the center. Start wrapping the yarn around your web. It's easiest if you do a full loop around each stick before moving the next one.
4. Once you're done wrapping the yarn around the web, tie the end around one of the popsicle sticks. Try to leave a long tail so that you can hang it up.
5. Now, you've made a spider web....and a Halloween decoration!

Spiders use these webs to catch prey: flies, insects, and more. When something gets trapped in the web, it vibrates. Hit one of the strings in your web. How might this shape help you sense vibrations?

Craft source: <https://buggyandbuddy.com/popsicle-stick-and-yarn-spiderweb-craft-for-kids/>

Candy Wrapper Flower

Recycle some wrappers with a cool craft project! This works best with wrappers from hard candies, fruit chews or bubble gum—anything rectangular. Make one, then try your own design!

For each flower:

- Six rectangular-shaped candy wrappers
- Craft wire or pipe cleaner
- Pony bead
- Tape (ideally green)



What to Do:

1. Place one wrapper with the wrong side facing up. From one short edge, fold over approximately 1/3 of the wrapper's length. The folded edge is the top edge. Fold in the corners of the top edge to create a point, so it resembles the beginning folds of a paper airplane.
2. Place your thumb over the point of the wrapper with the tip of your thumb facing the bottom edge. Wrap the wrapper sides around your thumb. Tightly twist the wrapper below your thumb. Remove your thumb to reveal one petal.

Repeat steps 1-2 until you have five.

3. Cut your stem (wire/pipe cleaner) to desired length. Insert one end through a bead. Bend over approximately one inch of the wire and twist below the bead. Take the last wrapper and fold it around the bead, then tightly twist it around the stem.
4. Start wrapping tape around the twist below the bead. Place one petal next to the bead and tape the petal around the twist with one wrap. Continue to add the remaining petals, one by one, until they are all securely attached to the stem.

5. Continue wrapping the tape down the stem to finish the flower.

Craft source: https://crafts.lovetoknow.com/wiki/Candy_Wrapper_Crafts

