

Spiderweb String Art

Orb-weaving spiders spin intricate webs to catch their prey. In this craft, spin your own web-inspired design to decorate your home.

*Caution: This craft involves using sharp push pins.
Please be careful and ask an adult for help if needed.*

Materials

3 cardboard squares
Liquid school glue
11x17" sheet of construction paper, or solid-colored wrapping paper
Tape
25 pushpins
Spool of string or yarn
Crayons or colored pencils (optional)

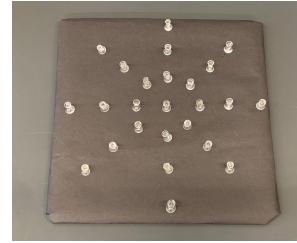
Directions

1. **Cut** 3 pieces of cardboard into 9" squares.
2. **Glue** all 3 cardboard squares on top of each other using school glue. Allow to dry for at least 10 minutes.
3. **Test** to make sure that the stack of cardboard is deep enough by pushing a pin all the way into the cardboard. If the pin sticks out the back, then glue a fourth cardboard square to the bottom of the stack.
4. **Wrap** the cardboard in construction paper and tape it to the back.



5. Push the first pin into the middle of the square. This will be the center of the web. Then, **add** the rest of the pins to the square, in the pattern described below. *Tip: add pins in a straight line and leave an equal amount of space between each pin.*

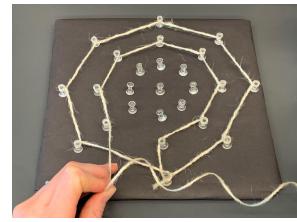
- 3 pins above the middle pin
- 3 pins below the middle pin
- 3 pins to the left of the middle pin
- 3 pins to the right of the middle pin
- 3 pins in each diagonal direction



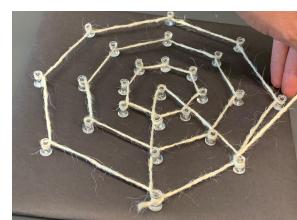
6. **Tie** one end of the string to the bottom pin. *Tip: hold onto the string with one hand and use your other hand to hold the bottom pin down to keep it from popping up as you work.*



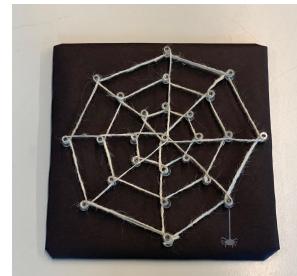
7. **Wrap** the string once around the next pin to the right, then wrap the string around the next pin to the right. Move from pin to pin, around the outside of the web until you make one complete circle.



8. **Repeat**, creating the next 2 inner circles of the web.



9. **Add** a line of string radiating out from the center pin toward each of the pins in the outermost circle.



10. **Cut** the string when you get to the end of the web and **tie** the end to the nearest pin.

11. Optional: **Draw** a spider into the web.