

Make a spider

You will need: 1 wooden teaspoon, scissors, 11-12 pipe cleaners, paint or felt tip pens, paintbrush (optional), 2 wiggle eyes, scrap of white card or thick paper (from a cereal box or similar), pencil, glue dots and/or PVA glue.

Instructions:

1. **Adult to do:** with scissors, cut off about half the handle of the wooden spoon.
2. Paint or colour with felt tip pens both parts of the spoon. Leave to dry.
3. Draw and cut out two very small triangles, which will be the fangs of the spider.
4. Put the cut section of the spoon handle on top on the remaining part of the handle. Hold in place.
5. With a pipe cleaner, wrap around the handle and piece of handle. With another six or seven pipe cleaners continue to wrap around the handle to form the body of the spider.
6. To make a pair of legs, wrap a pipe cleaner around the body and twist underneath the body and then bend each leg into shape; you should have a leg on each side of the spider's body. Repeat this with three other pipe cleaners until you have eight legs. Try and space the legs evenly apart along the spider's body.
7. Glue on two wiggle eyes and fangs. Leave to dry (if necessary).
8. Your spider is ready to spin its web! You may need to move and adjust the legs until your spider can stand.



Fun facts: Spiders have eight legs, and have more legs and different body parts than insects.

Most spiders use a web to catch their prey, which is usually insects, although some hide and wait for insects to come by. It takes a spider about an hour to build a web and they will usually build a new one every day.

Our spider is modelled on the 'jumping spider', which lives in this country.