

Paper Plate Spider



Halloween

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Toddler
1.5 - 2.5 years

Paper plate crafts are super easy to do and very versatile. This paper plate spider is a great addition to any Halloween themed classroom. Make a few, hang them at different levels and you'll have a fun, colorful wall full of spiders!

Learning Outcomes

Domain:

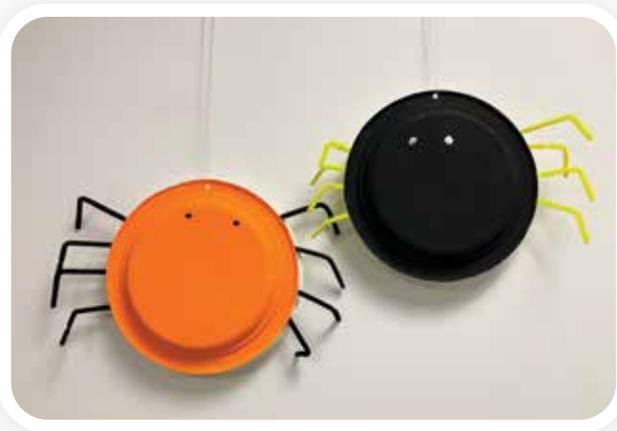
Cognitive

Indicator:

Counting in meaningful ways in play.

Skills:

Counting



Materials

- Paper Plates
- Bright, Halloween-themed paints (orange, yellow, purple, black etc)
- Paintbrushes
- Glue
- Googly eyes or a black marker
- Pipe cleaners
- Hole punch
- String to hang



Instructions

Step 1: Start by painting your paper plates. Make sure every part of the bottom of the plate is painted and set aside to dry.

Step 2: Once dry, take your pipe cleaners (8 total) and glue 4 down to each side of the paper plate. This should be done on the top part of the plate. Glue your other paper plate on top and let dry completely.

Step 3: Next, glue two googly eyes or use a black marker to make eyes near the top of the paper plate.

Step 4: Take your hole punch and punch a hole through both plates towards the top and thread string through. Hang them up in a sunny window or on a wall!



Age Adjustments

For older preschoolers: Give older children complete autonomy of this activity. They can choose the paint amount, where the eyeballs go, how many legs their spider has etc. They'll love it!

For younger toddlers: They may be a bit impatient and lose interest waiting for the glue and paint to dry. Try using stickers and crayons to decorate the spider body and tape instead of glue to secure the legs to keep their interest.



Playful Questions

- How many legs does your spider have?
- How many legs do you and I have?
- Do you know any other animals that have more than 2 legs?
- Have you ever seen a spider before?
- Where do spiders live?