

How to make... a Spider vs. Fly Obstacle course and Headbands

Suitable for ages 4 - 7

You will need:

For the Headbands:

- Black paper
- White paper
- Glue
- Stapler/tape or glue
- Coloured paper or colouring pens/pencils

For the obstacle course:

- Tape (masking is best) or string
- A parent or sibling to play with!

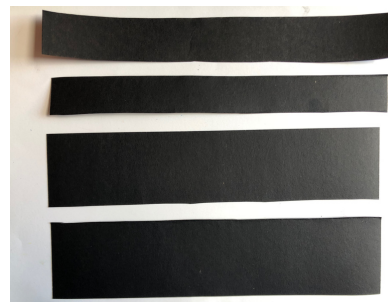


If you enjoyed Duane Gooden's reading of *Anansi and Turtle go to Dinner*, bring Anansi to life in your home! Have fun making these simple headbands and then give your fly a head start through a tricky, sticky spiderweb obstacle course. Then release your spider - will they catch that fly or can the fly escape the spiders maze untouched.

Instructions for the Fly:

Step 1:

Divide your piece of black paper into 3, then divide one third in half.



Step 2:

Staple, glue or tape the two thicker strips together at one end.



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Step 3:

Loop the other ends together and try it on. Mark where the ends cross over around your head to get the right fit and tape, glue or staple them together.



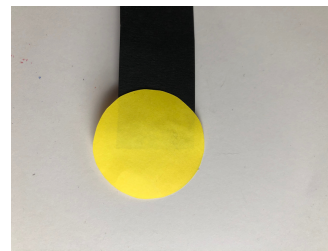
Step 4:

Tape or glue the thin strips onto the inside of the headband. These are your antennae.



Step 5:

Cut a small circle from your white paper and colour it in. Stick it to the end of both your antennae. Or use coloured paper if you have it.



Instructions for the Spider:

Step 1:

Divide your piece of black paper into 3. Then repeat steps 2 and 3 of the Fly Headband.



Step 2:

Cut out lots of circles from your white paper in lots of different sizes and glue them on for eyes.



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Step 3:

Cut out lots of thin strips of black from the remaining strip and glue them around the headband for spidery hairs.



Instructions for the Obstacle Course:

Step 1:

Cut long strips of tape (masking is best) and string it up between the walls of a corridor. Have them going in all directions, with some high and some low.

If you are using string instead, you could either tie it to pieces of furniture around the room or blue tack/tape it to the walls (remember to check with a grown-up first).



And you're ready to play!

Decide who is the fly and who is the spider and put on your headbands.

Give your fly a head start into the sticky web.

Set the spider off through the maze.

Can the spider catch the fly or will they emerge from the spider's trap unscathed?

Have Fun!