

Pom-Pom Spider Crafts – Create these Cute Creepy Crawlies!

It's time to get creepy and spooky because in this craft activity we're talking SPIDERS! With over 700 known species in British Columbia, spiders are found all over the Fraser Watershed, from mountainsides to coastal wetlands.

Don't let their size fool you – spiders are hugely important in the Fraser Basin's ecosystems, as they hunt and trap all sorts of insects and help to keep their populations from growing too large! Some of us may find spiders creepy, but we'd be a lot worse off without them!



Let's celebrate our eight-legged friends in today's DIY spider pom-pom craft, just in time for Halloween!

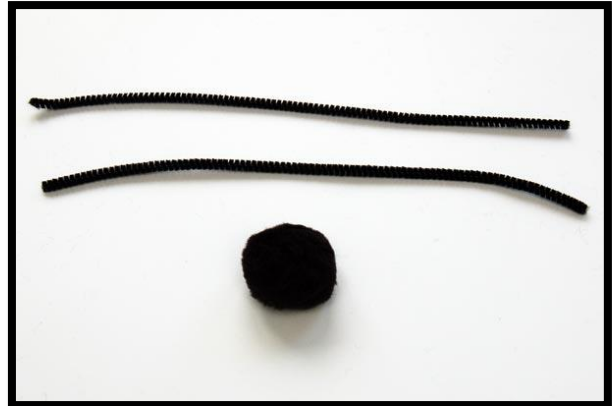
Here's what you need:

- * 1 Large black pom-pom – Available at most arts & craft stores
- * Two black pipe cleaners
- * Scissors
- * White Washable glue – Elmer's School Glue is a great option!
- * 2 - 8 Googly Eyes
- * Coloured paper or felt
- * Permanent marker – black or silver

Let's Get Started!

1. Prepare your materials

To start, set out the black pom-pom and your two pipe cleaners. These will be the **body and legs** of your spider, respectively.



2. Cut your pipe cleaners in half

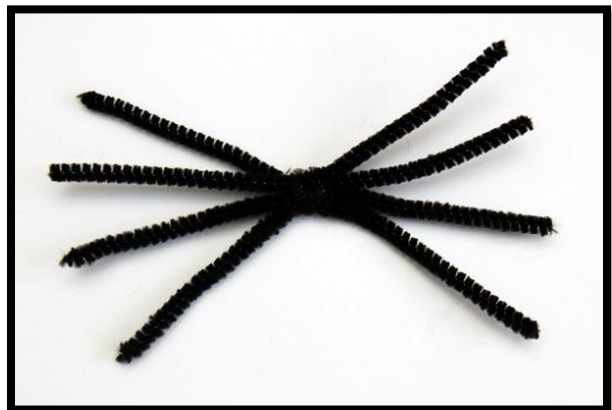
You want to end up with **four shorter pieces, all roughly the same length**. Fold the cut edges over to avoid being poked!



3. Use your pipe cleaners to make the spider's legs

Gather your four pipe cleaners, aligning them at the ends.

Tie them together in the middle with a short piece of pipe cleaner or string. Then, move the legs outwards so they fan out. **Bend down each leg at roughly the same point.**



4. Position your legs on a flat surface

Place the spider legs on a table or flat surface to **see if they will all stand upright** with each other. If a leg is too short or too long, simply straighten it and bend it at a point that makes it the same height as the other legs.



5. Give your spider a face

Glue your **googly eyes** on the pom-pom, and cut out a **small triangular mouth** from your construction paper or felt. Glue that just below the eyes to complete your face.



6. Put it all together!

Glue the pom-pom onto the center of your pipe cleaner legs. **Let the glue dry before you move your spider.**

Let us know how your crafting went! Share your Wild Crown online and tag us **@thefrdc** to help us find you!
Stay safe and happy crafting!

