

# Meadowside Designs



## Spider

Quick children's make for Hallowe'en



## Requirements

- 15cm square black felt
- Wadding scraps – black if you've got it
- 4 Black pipecleaners or lengths of black wool, or something similar
- Black thread
- White paint, or type correction fluid, or scraps white felt, or bought 'googly eyes'.
- Something to draw round to make a circle – a cup or mug for a small spider – for a larger spider use a saucer or a plate, but you will need a bigger piece of felt.



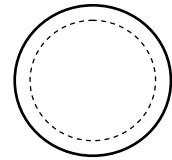
## To make a spider

1. Draw around a mug or cup on your card and cut it out carefully to make a template.
2. Draw around your template on the wrong side of your felt. Use chalk, a white pencil or a sliver of soap so your line shows.



3. Cut out your fabric circle about 0.5 - 1.0cm. outside the line you drew.

4. Start with a knot and sew all the way round your circle on the line you drew.



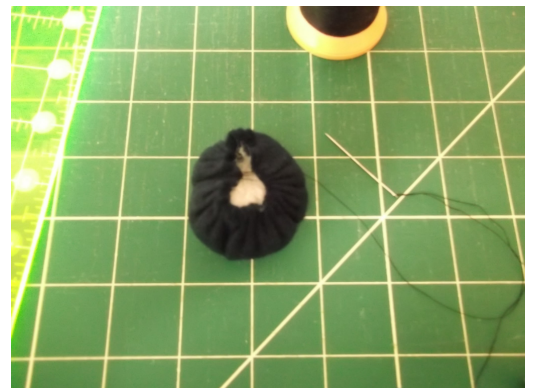
5. Pull your thread to start gathering up your circle.



6. As you gather up your circle stuff some wadding scraps into it to make a fat round ball.



7. Gather your stuffed circle up tight and finish off the gathered thread. Tie it as tightly as you can. This is known as a Suffolk Puff.



8. If you are using wool for your spider's legs, spray the lengths with spray starch and iron them quickly to make the wool stiff. You may need adult help with this.

9. Cut four lengths of black wool, approx 10cm for the smaller spiders, or cut the pipecleaner into four equal lengths. Lay them across your Suffolk Puff and sew them firmly in place across the middle, where the gather is.



9. Take a long piece of black thread and knot it at one end. Thread it through your spider from the legs to the top. Unthread your needle and you now have a thread for your spider to hang by.

10. Add eyes to your spider with a dab of white paint or correction fluid; or you can glue two scraps of white felt or 'googly eyes' in place. Or you can leave your spider with no (visible) eyes.

11. Bend the pipecleaners so they look more like spider legs.



Hang your spider from the ceiling, the window frame, or door. Perhaps you can make a web for it too.

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