

FAMILY FUN

ACTIVITIES FOR FALL



SPIN-TASTIC SPIDERS!

Did you know that spiders have been on the planet since the dinosaurs were around, and their silk is one of the strongest materials on earth?



In Bermuda, we have many different types of spiders. Four of the most common are Golden Silk Spider, the Spiny-backed Orb Weaver (Crab spider), the Huntsman Spider (also called the Wolf Spider) and the Daddy Long Legs. None of these are dangerous to humans.

Spiders play a vital role in many ecosystems as both hunters and prey. They are also great pest control in and around the house. Spider venom is also proving very important in medicine – Black Widow venom is used to treat pain and other spiders' venom is being used to treat diabetes. Scientists think there are many more medical uses for the venom that we just haven't discovered yet.

What is the biggest spider web you can find on the island?

Send in a photograph to education@bnt.bm and the biggest will win a year's junior membership.



GOLDEN SILK SPIDER



SPINY-BACKED ORB WEAVER



HUNTSMAN SPIDER



DADDY LONG-LEGS

PUZZLE CORNER – WHAT AM I?

Can you solve each riddle?

The Dickinson homestead
had no plumbing,
Laundry by hand and
absolutely no flushing.
What we see as disgusting,
to them was so grand,
Three holes on a board and
no paper to hand.

WHAT AM I?

I was turned into a
Laurel tree,
To stop Apollo
from kissing me.
I stand in the middle of
a Trusted Garden,
Mythologically, I was
given no pardon.

WHAT AM I?

A gambler's life is
spent in these,
But money doesn't
grow on trees.
I am not one, but I
was built to last,
Along a Watery Street
my sign can be passed.

WHAT AM I?

I have three sides and
make things disappear,
The evidence for me
is just not clear.
Some believe and
others do not,
I am located
somewhere hot.

WHAT AM I?

GET CREATIVE – SPOOKY SPIDERS!

During October, many people around the world celebrate Halloween. This simple spider decoration will add some spookiness to your decorations. You can make them as large or small as you want!

All you need is sticks, wool, black pipe cleaners, a glue gun and some card.

1. Collect together 6 sticks of a similar length and width. Glue them together in the middle to form a star shape. It doesn't matter if it is a bit messy!



2. Wrap the frame using wool. Start by gluing the end of the wool in the middle. You will need to go up and down each stick. Finish by wrapping the wool in the middle to cover the glue joint and glue down.



3. Using the wool, form a web between each stick, starting from the middle (glue down) and working your way out. You will need to wrap the web around each stick to secure it in place.



4. When this is finished, glue the last bit to the frame but remember to leave a long length to use for hanging the web.



5. To make the spider, cut out a body using black card. Cut down black pipe cleaners to form eight legs and stick to the back of the card. Stick on or make some eyes and teeth.



6. Attach the spider to the middle of your web either using a glue gun or by wrapping the legs to the web. Hang in a place.



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INGREDIENTS

- 1 can of lychee
- 6oz blueberries
- Strawberry jam
- Cocktail sticks



INSTRUCTIONS

- Spoon a little bit of strawberry jam into the hole of each lychee.
- Place a blueberry in the hole.
- Secure blueberry with a toothpick.
- Eat as they are or add to drinks!

