



A thaumatrope (thaw-mah-trope) is an optical illusion toy that tricks your brain into merging two images into one. Make the one below to help the spider find its web.

SPINNY SPIDER

You'll need...

- SCISSORS
- GLUESTICK,
- STICK (approx 20cm long – you could use a pencil or craft straw)

- 1: Carefully cut out the two circles below.
- 2: Cover the back of one of the circles with glue.
- 3: Lay one end of the stick onto the centre of the gluey circle as shown.
- 4: Align the other circle back-to-back with the base circle and stick them together with the stick sandwiched in between. Leave until the glue is dry.
- 5: Your thaumatrope is now ready to play with! Roll the stick back and forth as quickly as you can between your palms and watch the two images merge into one.

