

Spider Toss

You need:

- One or more hula hoops
- Yarn to wrap a web on the hula hoops
- Whiffle golf balls
- The hook portion of Velcro strips



Attach Velcro stripping to the whiffle balls. Wind a web on the hula hoop with the yarn. You can use a “dream catcher pattern” shown here (research on the internet) or simply cross the hoop diagonally multiple times and secure.



Have someone hold the hoop web, or lean it against a wall. Alternatively, hang it from a tree.

Have each child toss 3 balls at the web to see if they stick.

Add math!

Have kids measure the tossing distance from the hoop to their throw line. Is it easier or harder far away?

Keep a tally sheet for each insect “caught” in the web. How many were caught and not caught?

How do spider webs work? Webs have sticky strands, and insects have hairy legs. When an insect flies into the nearly invisible web, the sticky web holds it long enough for the spider to come over and wrap the struggling insect. When they eat, spiders suck out the fluids of insects trapped in their webs.

