

## STICK SPIDER WEBS

Did you know that Alberta is home to several fascinating species of spiders! They can spin large, circular webs seemingly overnight. They are true carnivores. Depending on the species, they eat garden pests, aphids, mosquitoes, flies, caterpillars, and pretty much anything that gets snared in their web. Don't be afraid of these small creatures, they aren't aggressive and will only bite if threatened or squeezed. When you find one in your home, please collect it carefully in a glass and give it a fresh start outside.



How to make stick spider webs:

1. Gather your materials. 3 sticks about the same size; yarn, wool or twine; and scissors. \*optional: masking tape
2. Overlap your sticks to make the spokes of the spider web and join them in the middle with masking tape or twine.
3. Use wool, yarn or twine to spin your web. Weave the wool around each stick as you pass it and make sure it is pulled tight before moving onto the next stick.
4. Once done, tie it off and hang your spider webs on a tree in your back or front yard and watch them twirl around with the wind!