



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.

