

## Inspecting webs



### Materials:

- Ventilated container with lid
- Garden shovels, or plastic beach shovels
- Magnifying glass (optional)
- Black construction paper

### Instructions:

1. Go outside on the playground with your kids at site and find a big rock to turn over. Bring your shovels and container.
2. Have the kids dig until someone finds a spider or two.
3. Put the spider(s) inside the container with some dirt and sticks.
4. Let the spider live in the container over night.
5. The next day look to see if the spider has spun a web. If so, let the spider go outside and carefully lift the spider web out of the container on the black construction paper.
6. Let the kids inspect the intricate details of the web. Use a magnifying glass to look even closer, if you have one.

### Variation:

Find more spiders, and have more containers to place them in. They will each make a web, and the kids and inspect the differences in their web patterns.