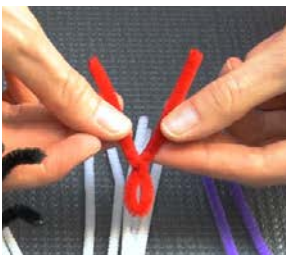# Spooky Spider Ring

Did you know that spiders are not bugs? They are arachnids - with eight legs and two body segments instead of six legs and three body segments like insects. And as spooky as some of us may find spiders, they are important to ecosystems and help keep other insect populations in check.

Materials

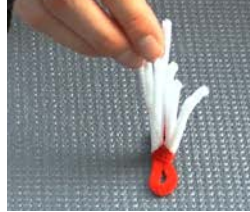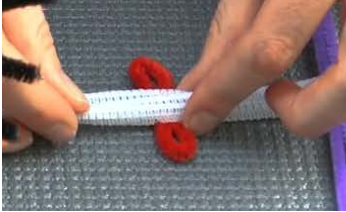Three 12-inch pipe cleaners, cut in half
Scissors

Directions

1. **Make the spider body (shown in red):**

   a. Fold one 6-inch pipe cleaner in half, and twist once to make a small loop.
      This will be the spider's head.

   b. Bend one of the long ends up to the spider's head and twist once to make the body.

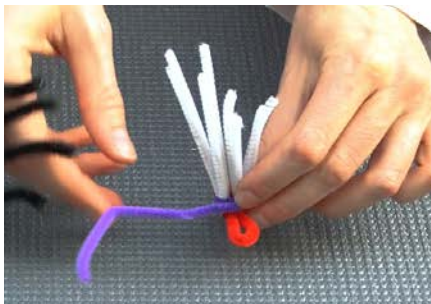   c. Coil the other long end up to the spider's head and tuck in the tip.

2. **Make the spider legs (shown in white):**

   a. Lay four pipe cleaners across the top of the spider, where the head meets the body. These will be the legs.

   b. Fold all four of the legs in half, around the body.

3. **Add the ring (shown in purple):**

   a. Wrap the last six-inch pipe cleaner in a circle around the base of the legs.

   b. Then bend that piece down under the spider's body to make a large loop for the ring.

   c. Fit this loop to your finger and then secure it by wrapping the end around the legs.

4. **Finish:**

   a. Fold four legs down to the left, and four legs down to the right.

   b. Then bend each spider leg in half and add a second small bend at the end.

   c. Adjust the ring, body, and legs until you are happy with the spider's shape.