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SPOOKY TALES

ART ACTIVITIES FOR ALL

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Instructional Resource

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13 Spooky Tales: A Book of Children's Poems may be geared for younger readers, but it can inspire creativity among all ages. Use these activities to steer playful, whimsical, and creative experiences for the artists in your life. Stay spooky!



Two Little Spiders Watercolor Resist Activity

Materials:

- Watercolor paper - One for each artist
- Spider drawing card - One for each artist
- White oil pastels or white crayons
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- Watercolor paint
- Paint brush
- Water cup
- Scissors
- Glue stick



Step One: Read the poem, *Two Little Spiders*, from 13 Spooky Tales with your artists.

Step Two: Ask your artists the following discussion questions:

- What are the little spiders doing in the pictures?
- What do we know about spider webs? How are they created and how are they used?

Step Three: Provide each artist with a piece of watercolor paper. Ask them to create a spider web on the paper with a white oil pastel or white crayon. It may be hard to see the white marks on the white paper. Try looking at the paper from the side as you draw in order to see your lines.

Step Four: Using the watercolors, artists will paint the entire surface of the watercolor paper. They can paint right over their spider web drawing. The white crayon or pastel will protect the paper and keep those marks white. Artists can paint several layers of paint to build up color and dimension. Set the spider web to the side to dry.

Step Five: Ask your artists to draw their own 8-legged creatures on the spider drawing card using crayons, markers, or colored pencils. They can create as many as they like.

Step Six: Guide your artists in cutting their spiders out and gluing them down onto their spider webs when they are dry.

Step Seven: Hang the artwork somewhere for the whole family to enjoy!



Draw a spider web with white crayon or white pastel on your watercolor paper. It may be hard to see on the white paper. Tilt your head and look at the paper from the side to better see the lines.

Grab your watercolor paint, a brush, and cup of water, and start painting. Feel free to paint right over those web lines.

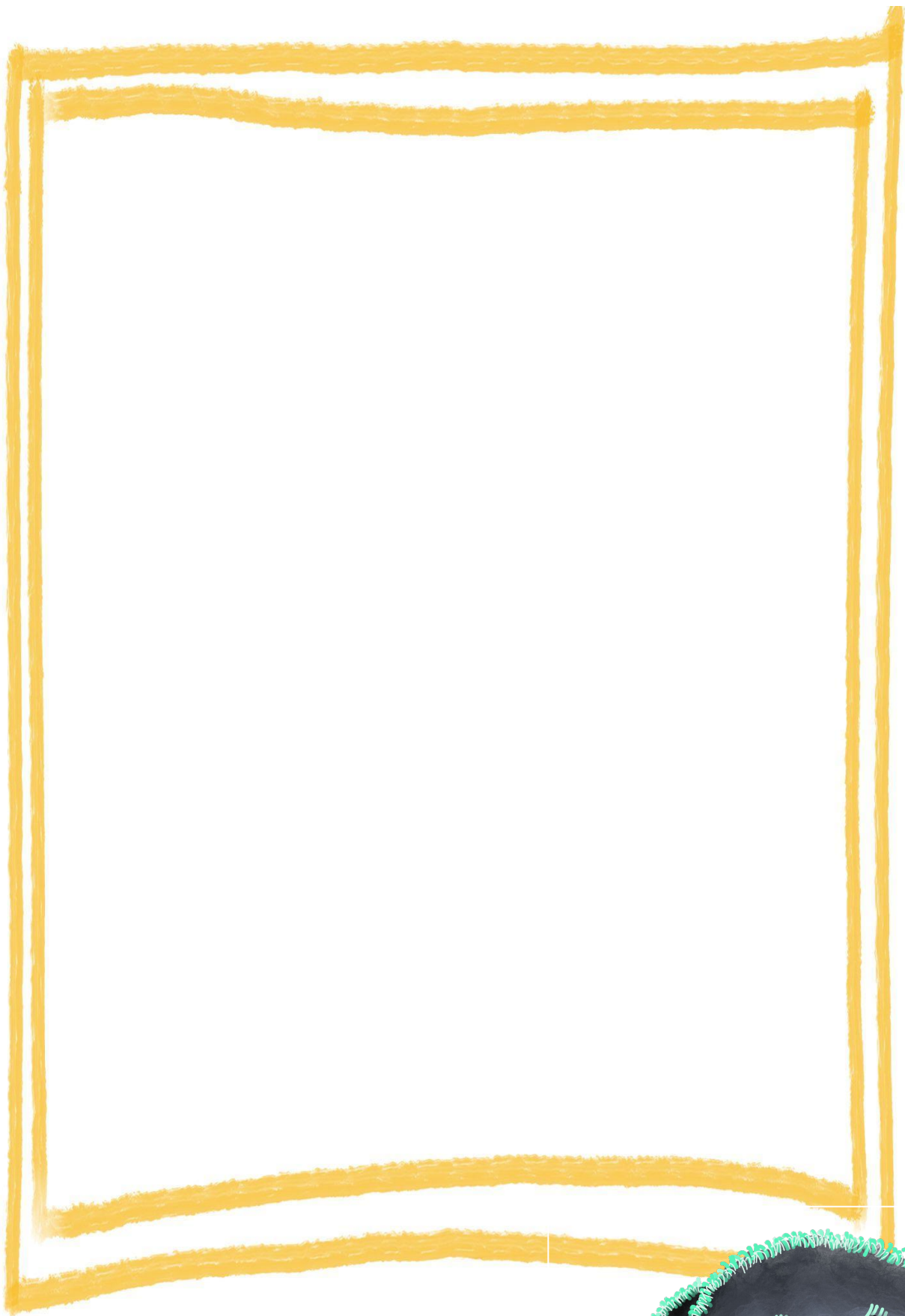


For a really cool effect, keep building up layers of watercolor to create dimension and richness. Set your painting aside to dry. This will give you time to draw a friendly spider. Cut your spider out and glue to your web.



Only friendly spiders allowed here!



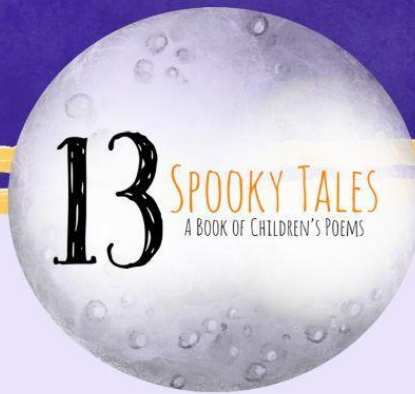


SPIDER DRAWING CARD



Create your own spooky spiders in the space above. Cut them out and glue them to your spooky watercolor spider web.

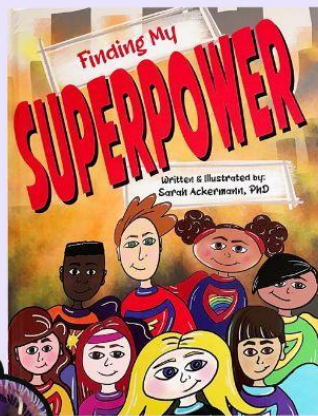




About the Illustrator



Dr. Sarah Ackermann is an artist and educator. She has taught art at all levels, from pre-kindergarten to adult, and now leads university faculty members in best practices in teaching and learning. Sarah has always drawn as a means of relaxation and personal fulfillment, so when her sister, Angela Tiedemann, asked her to illustrate a book of spooky poems, she gladly agreed. The images in this book were created on an Apple iPad with a little bit of a technical magic and a whole lot of imagination. Sarah hopes that this book inspires young artists to illustrate the things in life that spark curiosity and ignite their inner passion.



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