The Very Busy Spider  
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1. Run copies on cardstock (index paper or tagboard).

2. Color pieces with markers, color pencils (may not be as bright), pastels, or paint, (crayons may melt when laminated).

3. When putting two large pieces together, use a glue stick to prevent pieces from wrinkling when laminating.

4. Laminate story objects. You may cut pieces before or after laminating.

5. Attach velcro dots or pieces to back of each object.

Tip: Make an outline story card to use when telling the story.

Remember patterns are not to be used for children's art projects!

Patterns may be use for teacher made puppets which children can use for story retelling. Patterns may be enlarged if preferred.

Activities:
1. Count and sort plastic spiders, add them to the sand table.
2. Investigate spider webs (watch our for active spiders)
3. Retell using puppets to act out the story
4. Make spider snack using two circle crackers, peanut butter for filler, pretzels for legs, and raisins for eyes.