



Tracy's Yo-Yo Spiders

- 2 sizes (large or mondo-gargantuan) or make your own custom size
 - Make 'em spooky or sweet!



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Please read entire pattern carefully all the way through before beginning.

Spiders may be customized to any size you desire. I like these two sizes...but once you get the hang of the technique, you may make them any size you prefer.

You may make your spiders using any color fabric you desire. Spiders don't have to be spooky! You could make girlie pink spiders or rockin' hot purple spiders...use your imagination. This is a fun way to use up left over fabric scraps. You could embellish your spiders too!

Materials and tools required for each Spider:

- **Mondo-Gargantuan Spider: 1 - 8 ½" circle of black fabric** (or other color of your choice)
 - **HINT:** Try a paper plate for your 8 ½" round template. Slightly larger or smaller is fine...this is not rocket science or brain surgery.
- **Large Spider: 1 - 5 ½" circle of black fabric** (or other color of choice).
 - **HINT:** Look for a plastic container in your kitchen, storage containers (food storage or dry goods storage) often have lids measuring approximately 5 ½". Slightly larger or smaller is fine...this is not rocket science or brain surgery.
- **1 - Strong Thread to match your fabric**
- **A handful or so of Polyfil stuffing** (fluffy/light cotton will work but poly is preferred for this project)
- **Mondo - Gargantuan Spider: 4 - 15mm thick chenille stems** (furry fat pipe cleaners are what I grew up calling them)
- **Large Spider: 2 - 6mm or 9mm chenille stems**
- **1 - medium to medium/large button** (shape or color of your choice) for the spider back.
 - 2-hole button is preferable (shank buttons are not recommended).
- **2 - tiny buttons or medium beads** (shape and color of your choice) for the spider eyes
- Sharp/pointed scissors or snippers.
- Chalk or other fabric marking implement of choice.

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Instructions:

Start by making a really big yo-yo out of your 8 ½" circle! You will be stitching using a doubled thread – knot both ends together. When you begin stitching, start on top of the ¼" edge (facing you) and leave a 2" to 3" tail.

With wrong side of fabric facing you, threaded needle in hand, using your finger, press approximately ¼" of fabric (from raw edge) toward center while you follow around the entire circle taking **very large ½" to ¾" running stitches**). You do NOT want tiny stitches, it will be too bulky.

When you get to the starting stitch--without piercing the first stitch itself--carefully overlap one stitch with the first stitch (both ends should be on top of the ¼" fold, facing you. **DO NOT tie off or remove needle yet!**

Grasp the 2" – 3" tail you left at the beginning and your needle threaded end (use care not to poke yourself with the needle during this process).

Pull firmly but gently to form a sort of cup look at this point (you want the top open). Stuff as desired. You may want to make a fat spider or a flat spider, the choice is yours.

CAUTION: Don't stuff too fat or full. If the stuffing is too tight you may have thread breakage problems. Some wrinkles from the yo-yo gives the spider a very nice look.

Once stuffed to your satisfaction, finish pulling your thread tails and tie them in a knot. **DO NOT CUT** the needle and thread off yet you will use this thread to stitch on the spider's "back button".

Stitch on the button selected for the spider's back:

YOU CHOOSE: If you want a **FLATTER** spider, I suggest sewing your button all the way through to the bottom as I did with the two spiders on the left of the cover picture. If you want a **FATTER** spider, simply stitch to the top of the opening (don not sew though to the bottom of the yo-yo) as I did with the spider on the far right of the cover picture. Once back button is secure, securely knot and clip threads.

Now, you have the spider "body" finished and it's time to give it legs. Determine where you want to place the legs (remember, there will be 4 legs on each side) and mark with chalk or fabric marking tool of choice.

Use your sharp scissors or snippers and make tiny slits (no larger than ¼" for the mondo spider, make them smaller for the smaller spider) on your marks. You should have 8 tiny slits (4 on each side).

If making the smaller spider, cut your chenille stems in ½ so you have a total of 4 pieces.

You will use two stems (or stem pieces for the smaller spider) for each side.

On the right side, begin at the 1st hole. Poke your chenille stem into the spider and gently guide it along the inside of the fabric to the 2nd hole. Come out the 2nd hole and adjust length as desired.

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Repeat this process for the 3rd and 4th holes on the right side.

Repeat this process for the left side.

At the "foot" of each stem, carefully curl and twist end back on itself (about ¼ inch or so). This will help prevent accidental scratching of surfaces the spider sits on.

Add small button or bead eyes.

Shape legs as desired.

You are done!

Idea: You could hang spiders using invisible thread or fishing line!

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