

# Arachnid Round (I'm a Spider)

This silly little round is perfect for October, that spidery time of year! As I perform concerts I find that children of all ages (and some adults!) are still confused about whether or not spiders are insects. This song should clear that up once and for all! Read below for variations on how to sing this.

## 1. As a round

Sing the song once all the way through, then divide group into parts as indicated in the lyrics and on the sheet music.

## 2. Sing the song using hand and head movements as indicated in the lyrics.

## 3. Divide children into three groups

and give each group a different set of rhythm instruments. For example,

"Arachnid" (Part one) - shakers

"I'm a Spider" (Part 2) - jingle type bells

"I am not an insect" (Part 3) - rhythm sticks using the scraping sound, or wooden blocks and sticks

Practice each group's part. Have each group sing and play its own part as you go through the song.

## To Arachnid Round (I'm a Spider)

(Hand motions for each part are below)



Arachnid

(sung 4 times)

I'm a spider

(sung 4 times)

I am not an insect

(sung twice with 4 counts silence in between) Hand motions/signs)

**PART 1:** lower head on "a" and raise on "rach," keep still on "nid"

**PART 2:** make ASL sign for spider:

With crossed wrists, both claw hands face down, with little fingers interlocked. The hands move forward with fingers wiggling like legs



**PART 3:** Nod head "no" and make ASL sign for insect: hand is held with thumb touching the nose. The two fingers wiggle together.

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