



# DANCING SPIDER

Yes, it's true, spiders can be TERRIFYING! From their furry little bodies to their creepy crawly legs, it's easy to see why people run scared. But our spider is the exception! Cute, fluffy and ready to boogie, you're sure to fall in love, just like we have!

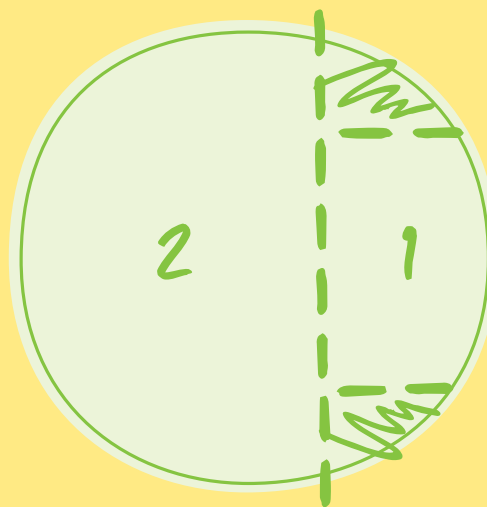


## You Will Need

- 25cm round cake board
  - 1 piping bag
  - 1 grass tip nozzle
  - 8 black or brown pipe cleaners
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- 1 20cm round cake (see pages 10–13)
  - 1 batch Tigga's buttercream (see page 15)
  - brown gel food colouring
  - 2 marshmallow eyes (see page 17)

## Cut the Cake!

Okie dokie, following the cutting guide, start with the long vertical cut and cut the cake as shown. You will have 2 main pieces and 2 small offcuts. You won't need the offcuts, so feel free to snack on them as you go!



## Tigga's Tips ★

As an alternative to gel colouring, you can also make the chocolate buttercream for the spider by adding ganache (see page 15).



## 1 Colour

Time to make the coloured buttercream – remember to add the food colouring a little at a time until you are happy with the result. Add brown gel colouring to the buttercream to colour it dark brown.



## 2 Assembly

Now it's time to put the pieces together. Spread a little buttercream on the cake board where the cake will sit. This will be the glue that stops the cake from moving around while you are decorating it. Stand the larger body piece (1) upright on the board.



Then, use buttercream to stick the head piece (2) to the front of the spider's body. Chill the cake in the fridge for 10 minutes or until firm and secure.



### 3 Carving

Next up, let's shape the spider's head! Using a small, sharp knife, round off the edges of the head by carving the corners away.

### 4 Buttercream Time

Fill a piping bag with the brown buttercream and cut off the end. Roughly pipe over the entire cake and smooth out using a palette knife. This is the crumb coat. Chill in the fridge for 10 minutes or until the buttercream is firm.



Next, add a second coat of buttercream to the head **ONLY**, using a palette knife to achieve as smooth a result as possible. You don't need to do a top coat on the body as it will be piped over.

## 5 Hairy Piping

Pop the grass tip nozzle into the piping bag and fill the bag with more buttercream. Pipe over the entire spider's body (NOT the head) to create a 'hairy' look! Leave the spider's head smooth.



## 6 Eyes

Pop the marshmallow eyes onto the head. I've used 2 but you can use as many eyes as you'd like! Some spiders have 8 eyes!



## 7 Legs

Bend the pipe cleaners into shape before poking them into each side of the body. Your spider is complete! Give the board a wiggle and watch your spider dance!



OMG!  
Cutest spider  
EVER!!

