

## Pom Pom Patch Games

### Background:

- This is a fun “Take Away” game your students can play each month.
- It’s a bit of work initially, but I think it’s worth it for years to come.
- I keep mine in a big plastic tub labeled Pom Pom Patch Games.
- I separate each individual month’s baggies with a file folder labeled with that month.
- This is a quick and easy fill-in that your students will enjoy each time you take it out.
- I play it as a whole-group activity and set a timer for 7 minutes.
- You could also set up 1 or 2 bags in a center to have available during that specific month.
- Older students can be given scratch paper to write down the math equations:  $5-1=4$ ,  $5-2=3$ ,  $5-3=2$ ,  $5-4=1$  and  $5-5=0$
- For younger students if you want them to start learning that, you could have a column and each time that equation was used, put an X in the column and then trace the equation the 1<sup>st</sup> time it was used.

**Materials:** For a class of 20 students playing with a partner.

- 10 Plastic medium-size Dixie Cups™ (1 for each team of 2)
- 50 small pom poms (5 for each team of 2) in the following colors:
  - red
  - orange
  - yellow
  - green
  - purple
  - white
  - black
- White construction paper
- Laminating machine
- Velcro Dots
- Gallon-Size Ziploc Baggies
- Snack Size Ziploc Baggies
- Plastic tub or box to keep all the baggies in.

### Directions:

1. Run off the masters.
2. Laminate and cut out.
3. Put a soft Velcro dot on each of the “cup-cover” pieces, and a scratchy Velcro dot on each of the Dixie cups.

4. Make a class set of Pom Pom Patch Games for each month and put them in the baggies. i.e.
5. September & February: Apples & Valentine Chocolates
6. Put 5 red pom poms in each of the 10 snack baggies, then put them into a large baggie.
7. Put the 10 Bushel Basket cup Cover-Ups in a snack baggie, then put them into a large baggie.
8. Put the 10 “Decorating the Christmas Tree” cup Cover-Up’s in a snack baggie, then put them into a large baggie.
9. Put the 10 Valentine Candy Box cup Cover-Ups in a snack baggie
10. Put all the above baggies in one large gallon-size baggie and mark it September/December/February.
11. All the rest of the months are separate because they have different colored pom poms.
  - October = spiders (black)
  - November = pumpkins (orange)
  - January = snowballs (white)
  - March = shamrock petal (green)
  - April = eggs (purple)
  - May = suns (yellow)

**Directions for playing the game:**

1. Run off graph paper.
2. Each Child writes their name in a graph box.
3. One child closes their eyes. (NO peeking!) And their partner puts a certain number of pom poms in the cup, hiding the other pom poms in their hand.
4. The other child opens their eyes and guesses how many pom poms are in the cup.
5. If they guess correctly, they put an X in the box next to their name.
6. Set the timer. Play for 5-10 minutes.
7. Children take turns guessing how many pom poms are in the Dixie cup.
8. i.e., in September they guess how many red “apples” are hiding in the “bushel basket”.
9. Before the game begins, children are given the “Cup-Cover Up” and they Velcro it to their Dixie cup.
10. I think this makes the game a lot cuter; it’s a bit of work initially, but once it’s done, you have it for years, and the children enjoy changing it for the various months.
11. When the timer rings, the child who has the most X’s is the winner.
12. Children put the pom poms back in the snack bag.
13. Gently take off the cup cover up.
14. You collect, stack the Dixie cups, put the baggies in the big baggy and store in your plastic tub.



September  
Cup  
Cover Up's

# Pom Pom Patch Game

Each player chooses a COLOR to mark an X in the box beside their name each time they guess right.  
Top row will be player A bottom row will be player B.  
Count by 10's to add winning points. (There are 10 boxes in each row)

Names:

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_


A


B

A


B

A


B

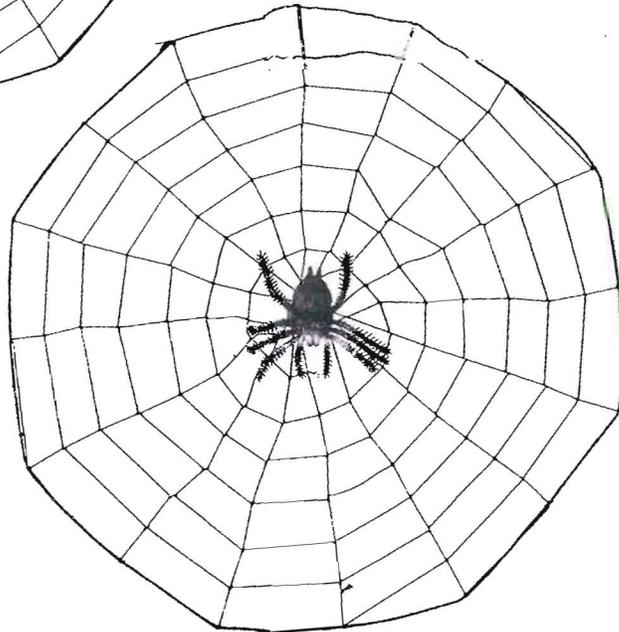
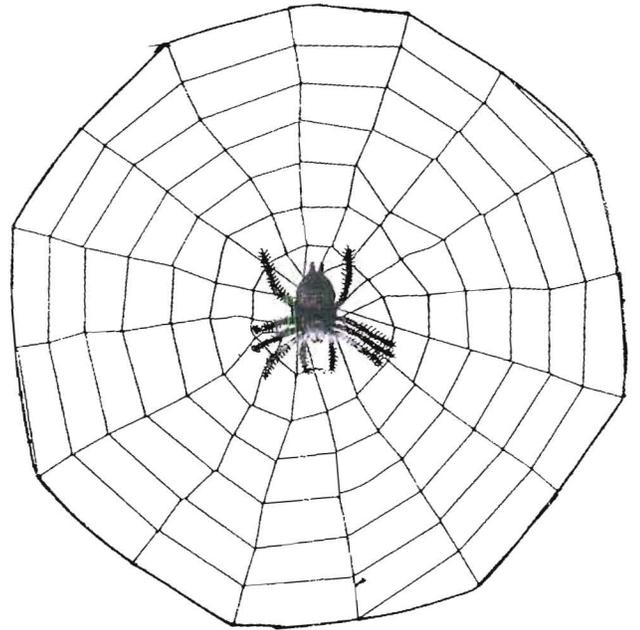
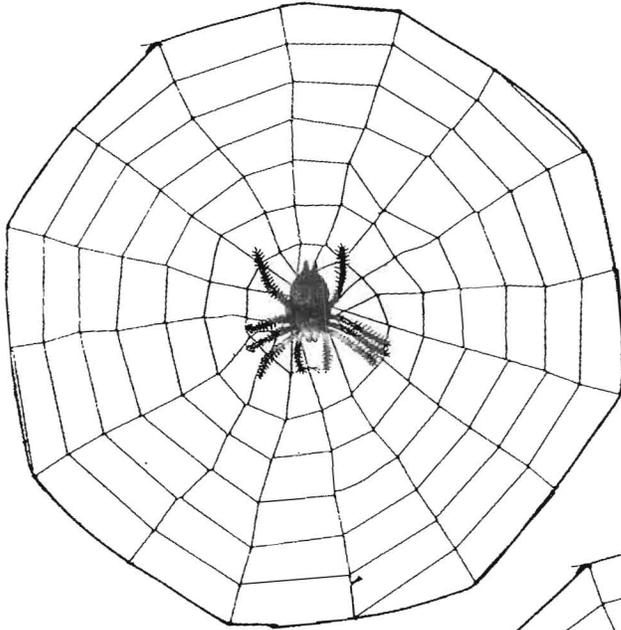
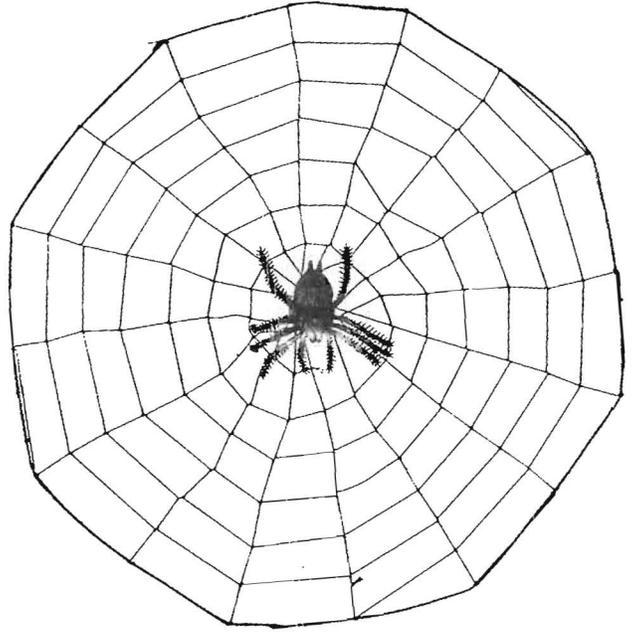
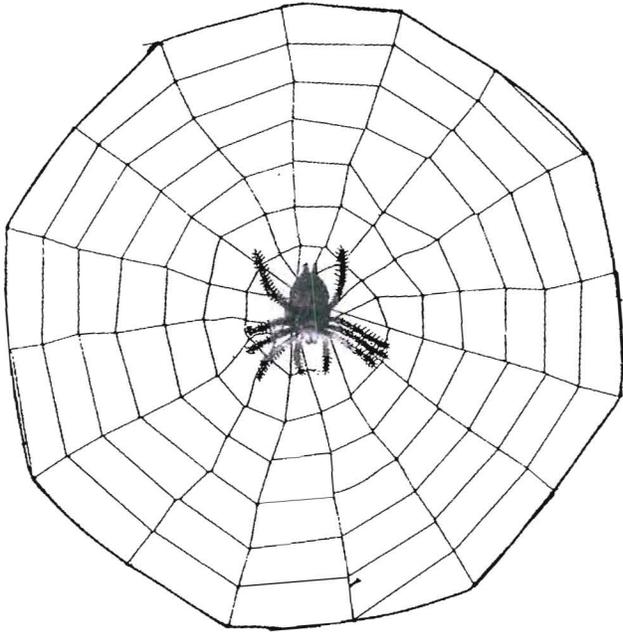
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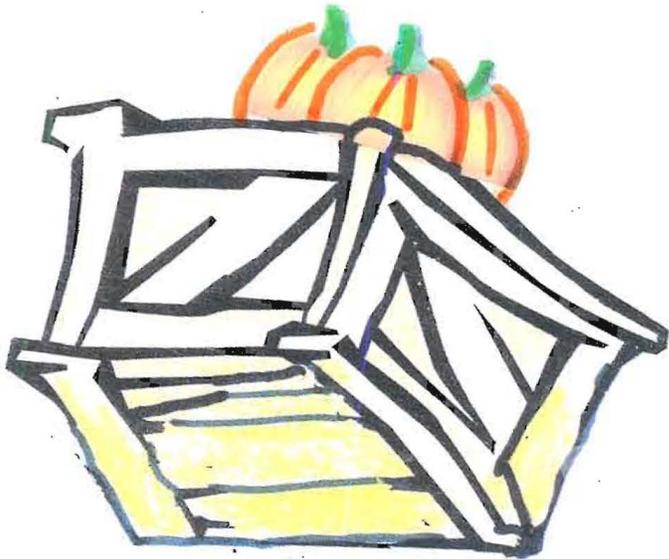

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October  
Cup  
cover up's

November  
Cup  
Cover -  
Ups





December Cup  
Cover-Up's





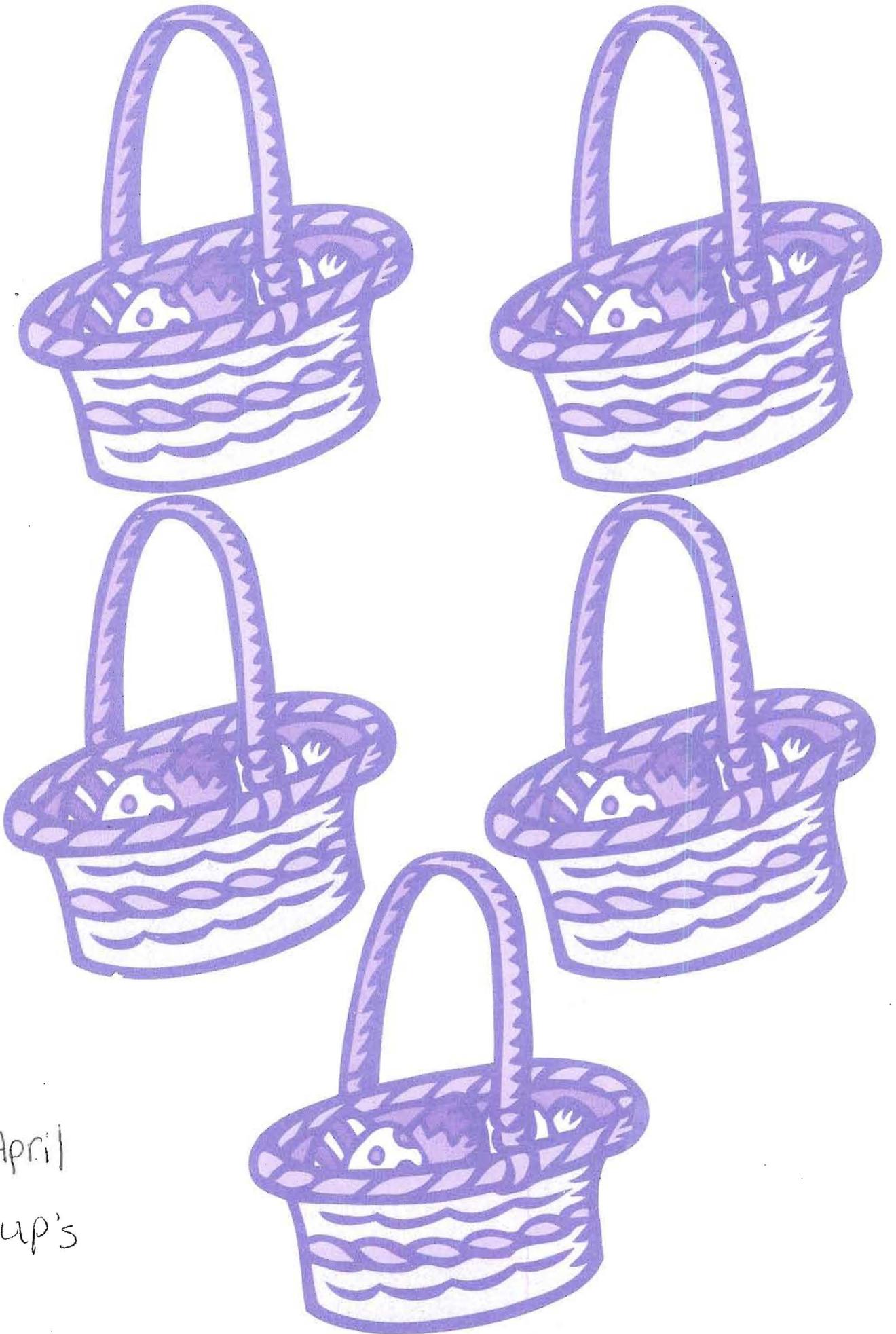
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Cup  
cover Ups



February  
Cup Cover-Up's



March Cup  
Cover-up's



Cup April  
Cover-up's



May  
Cup  
Cover-Up's