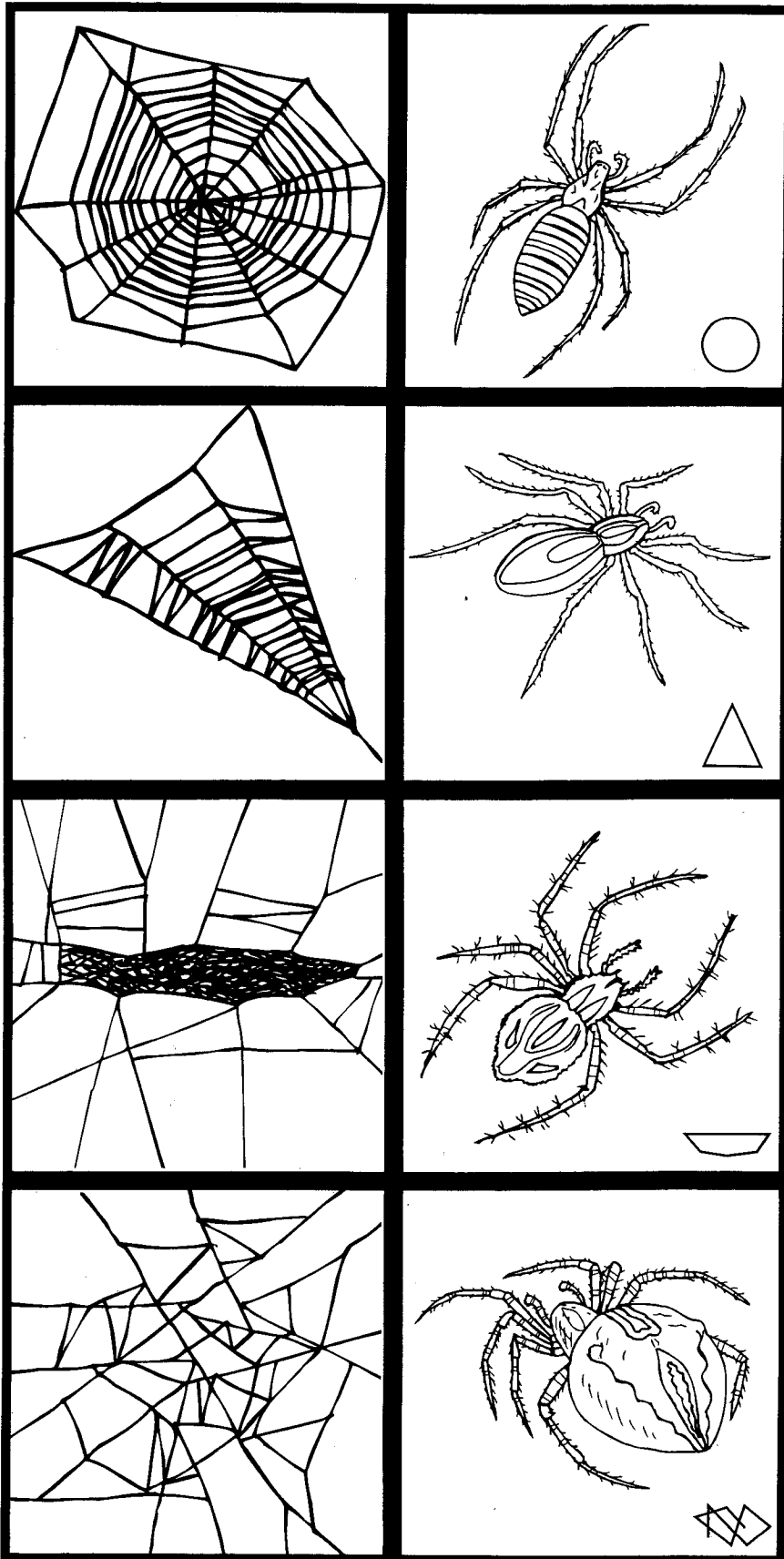



Spider Web Wonders

Directions: Copy the **Spider Web Match Game** below onto card stock. You may opt to laminate the cards for durability and future use. Place the cards at a center for children to explore during self selection time. As children explore, point out the shapes on the spider cards. Which web is most like each shape?



1. **Orb webs** are the type you probably envision when you think of spider webs. These wheel-shaped webs are usually found in open areas between trees or buildings where insects are likely to fly. Orb weavers often wait for their prey in the center of the web.
2. **Triangle (or funnel) webs** may be found outdoors in short grasses or shrubs or between buildings. With this type of web, the spider waits for its prey at one end. When an insect touches the web, the spider shakes the strands to trap it.
3. **Sheet webs** are hammock-like. They are often found between branches of shrubs or trees. Above the web, sheet-web weavers also spin horizontal threads for knocking down their prey. When a flying insect hits these threads, it bounces into the sheet section. The spider, which hangs under the sheet, quickly pulls it through.
4. **Tangle webs** are a shapeless jumble of threads attached to a support. Cobwebs are tangle webs that have collected dust and dirt. Many types of garden and house spiders make tangle webs, usually in dark places.
5. There are spiders that do not spin webs. Some species ambush their prey from a burrow, while others actively hunt and chase down their prey. **This card does not have a match. Use an extra copy of a web card with a  symbol drawn on it as a match, if needed.**

