



Fall Brick Activities *and More*

All brick creations were created by Jake Layton

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We hope you will enjoy **Fall Brick Activities *and More***

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We'd love to see your creations.

Many thanks: [Colleen Kessler](#), [Marci Goodwin](#), [Ashley Pichea](#), [Erin Chase](#), and [Toni Anderson!](#)

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HOW TO USE THIS DOWNLOAD

**Fall Brick Activities and More contains:
8 fall brick activities, 4 Halloween brick creations,
3 worksheets & over 30 hands-on ideas.**

You can print each page as an “activity sheet”.

Cut out the orange boxes and laminate the cards.

Or print each page and simply circle the “*other ideas*” you will try for the day.

Each activity offers a visual brick creation, some tips to building, a poem, story, and/or project, plus other fun ideas that are linked together.

Ideas are geared for pre-k to upper elementary school age level.

The brick creations are a helpful visual guide not to be an exact replication.

All brick creations were created with basic bricks and made as 2D as possible.

A few extra pieces were used (fire, wheels) but do not have to be used.

We encourage you to use what you have, not to buy more pieces!

Feel free to add to each creation. The bigger the more fun.
Again, these are visual guides to help spark creative imaginations.

Brick Creations:

owl, fall tree, pumpkin, candy corn, cardinal, campsite,
hayride, and maple leaf.

Halloween Creations:

ghost, spider, witch, and spooky tree



Common Types of Owls

Barn
Long-eared
Barred
Northern Hawk
Burrowing
Eagle
Snowy
Great Gray
Spectacled
Great Horned
Spotted
Western Screech

Build an Owl!

Pick any owl to build.

Other Ideas:

Try sculpting an owl with clay.
Finger paint an owl (use side of palm).
Can you make an owl call?
Study different types of owls.
Which owls live in your region?
Build an owl food chain.
Dissect an owl pellet.



Nothing Gold Can Stay

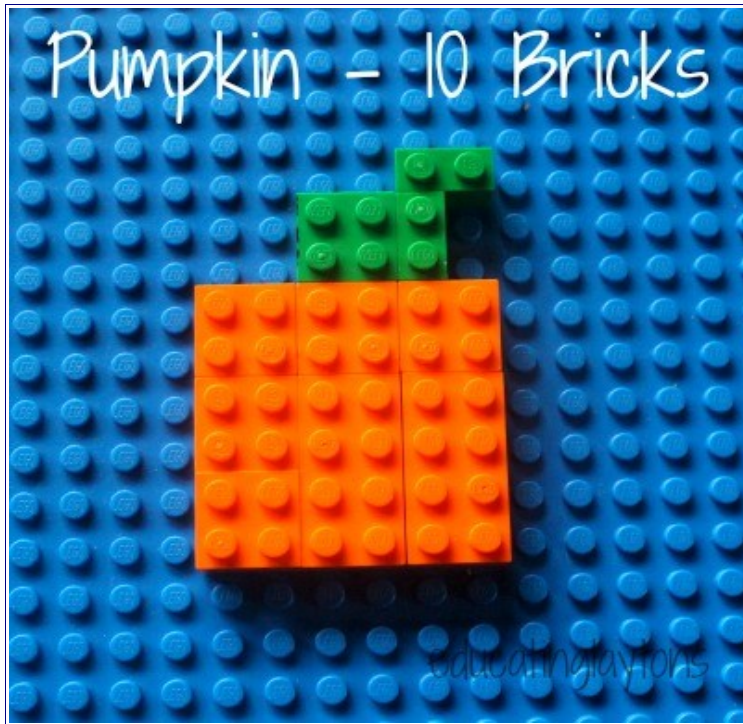
Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.
~ Robert Frost

Build a Fall Tree!

To avoid looking like a cactus:
make sure the tree is not too short.
Remove all leaf bricks to make a
spooky old tree.

Other Ideas:

Try sculpting a fall tree with clay.
Finger paint a fall tree.
Can you act out a fall tree?
Find different color leaves,
glue leaves to construction paper.
Create a leaf garland.
Memorize: *Nothing Gold Can Stay*



Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate.

The first one said,

"oh my it's getting late."

The second one said,

"there are witches in the air."

The third one said,

"but we don't care!"

The fourth one said,

"let's run and run and run."

The fifth one said,

"I'm ready for some fun!"

OOOhh OOOhh went the wind

And out went the lights

And the five little pumpkins

rolled out of sight.

Build a Pumpkin

build smaller pumpkins for a
pumpkin patch

Other Ideas:

Try sculpting a pumpkin with clay.

Finger paint a pumpkin patch.

Eat some pumpkin seeds.

Color a paper plate pumpkin mask.

Paint shaving cream pumpkins in the

bath tub, *(use food coloring)*

Write your own pumpkin poem.



Build Candy Corn!

This is an easy 1, 2, 3 pyramid.

Other Ideas:

Use candy corn during Math.

Add a bag of candy corn to a jar – play estimation games.

Use candy corn to shape letters.

Sculpt candy corn using clay.

Make a faux stained glass candy corn. (*template provided*)



DIY Bird Nest

Supplies: paper plate, paper bag, brown paint (or markers), and pictures of birds

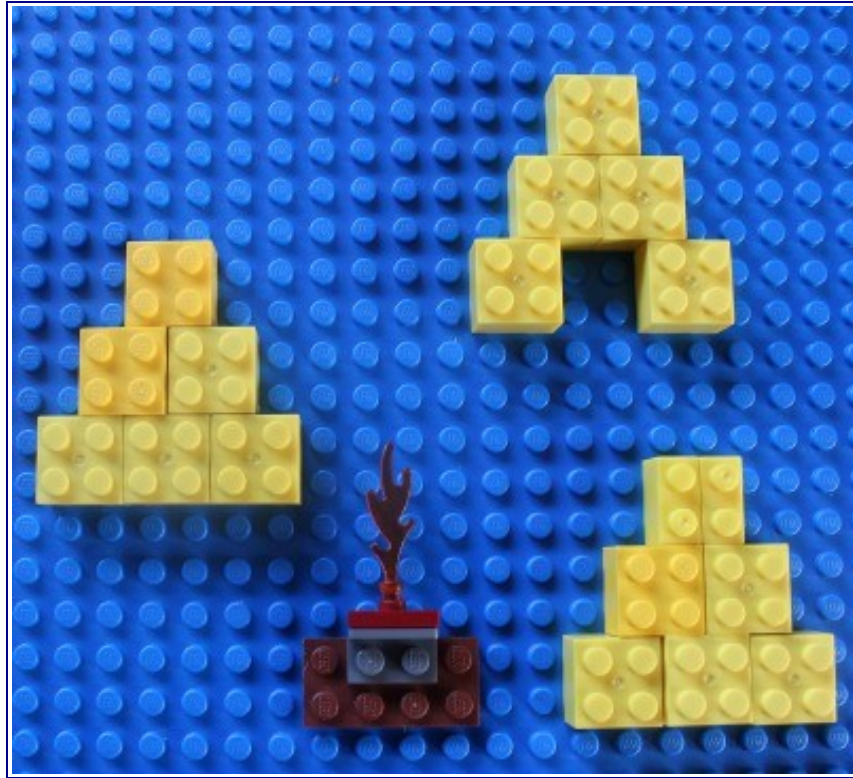
Cut paper plate in half.
Paint the plate brown.
Cut brown paper bag into strips.
Glue bag pieces to paper plate.
Glue plate to construction paper.
Glue magazine pictures of birds to your nest. (or make paper eggs)

Build a Cardinal

This creation requires some time - try different pieces.

Other Ideas:

Go for a bird walk.
(bring binoculars)
Make a bird feeder.
(DIY Bird Feeder Attached)
Draw the day when God created flying creatures.
Learn more about birds at:
[The Great Backyard Bird Count](#)



Old Lady Leary

(campfire song)

Late one night
When we were all in bed
Old lady Leary left
a lantern in the shed
And when the cow kicked it over
She winked her eye and said,
There'll be a HOT time in the
old town, tonight.

FIRE!

Repeat song *gaining momentum*
adding FIRE each time.

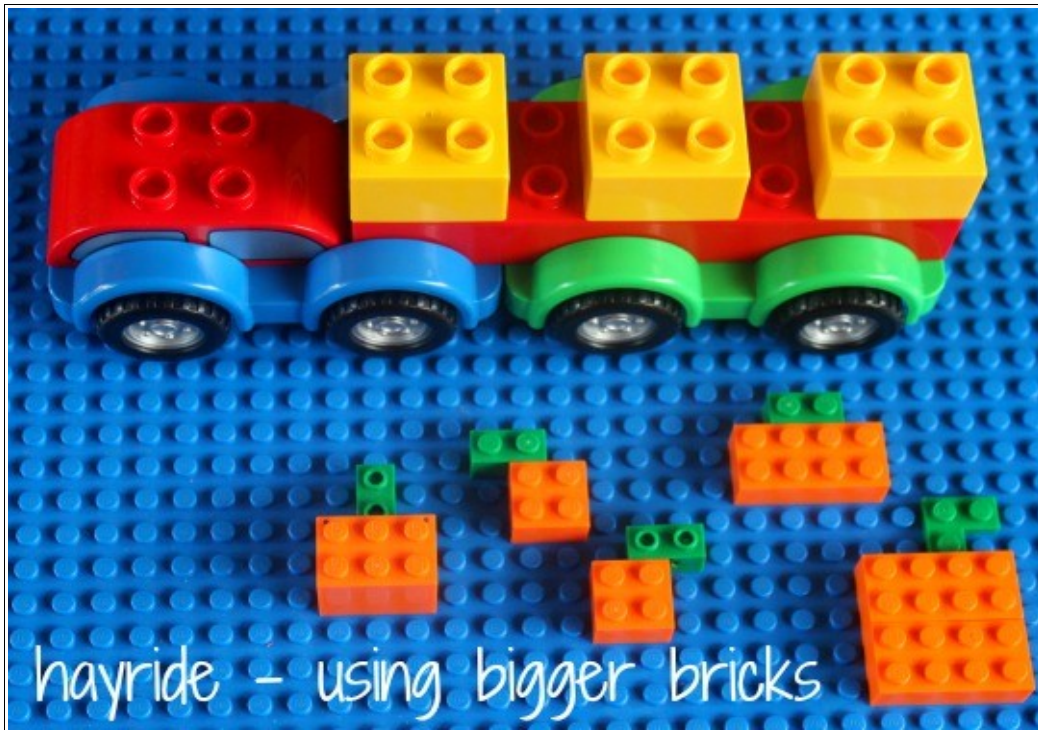
When you shout "FIRE" 10x
scream WATER!!

Build a Campsite

Use the 1, 2, 3 pyramid.
Keep a few tents "open" by
removing the middle bottom piece.
Add a hiking path to your campsite.

Other Ideas:

Build a fort in your room.
Practice shadow puppets.
Build a campfire outside.
Tell campfire stories.
Roast marshmallows.



Build a Hayride

Use different toy vehicles for the “tractor” rather than building it.
Or build a horse to pull your tractor.

Make Your Own Hayride

Cut out the side of a box and create your own hayride.

Be sure to color and paint your new “tractor”.

Empty a large laundry basket to give little ones a hayride.
Let little ones give their stuffed animals a hayride in the basket.



Fall Leaf Bricks

Use other colored bricks to represent different types of trees
orange: sugar maple, yellow: beech, etc.

More Leaf Fun

[Compare & Contrast Fall Leaves](#) worksheet ~ Educating Laytons

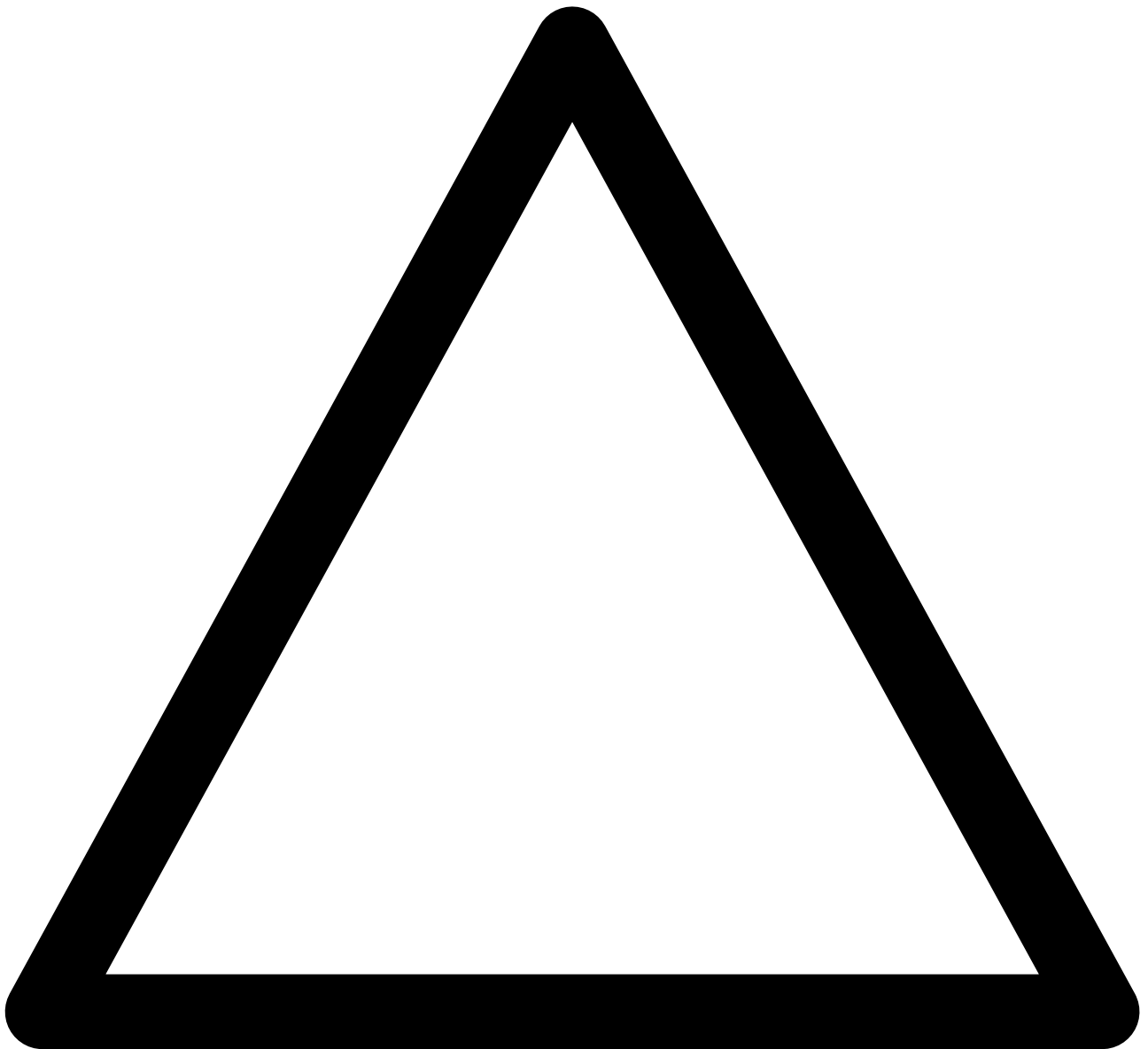
[Fall Nature Walk](#) – Life by Ashley Pichea

[8 Leaf Activities for Preschoolers](#) ~ The Teaching Mama

Faux Stained Glass [Fall Leaf Template](#) ~ allkidsnetwork.com

FAUX GLASS STAINED CANDY CORN TEMPLATE

Cut out the candy corn template below. Cut out the inside white section.
(round the inner triangle edges so it's more candy corn than pointy triangle)
Add colored tissue paper to the inside of your candy corn. Laminate. Trim any edges. Hang your candy corn in a window! Print again & make some more!
For little children simply color this candy corn page.



DIY BIRD FEEDER



Supplies: old plastic tops, peanut butter, bird seed, string / twine.
** we used kite string*

Hot glue string to back. Let dry.

Smear top with peanut butter. Pour seed onto peanut butter. Hang.

Wait to see what type of birds come to your feeder. Draw them.
Attract different birds with different seed: pumpkin, dry corn, etc.

Find more [**Easy to Make Bird Feeders**](#) at The Homeschool Scientist.

FALL SCAVENGER HUNT

Hunt for twenty-six fall things!

Corn		Hay	
Acorns		Dried Wheat	
Pumpkins		Scarecrow	
Squash		Fall Colored Leaves	
Apples		Owl	
Dead Tree		Fire (camp or yard)	
Candy Corn		Cinnamon	
Hot Chocolate		Squirrel	
Rake		Leaf Pile	
Boots		S'More	
Fall Wreath		Wagon	
Crow		Pumpkin Food (bread, cookies, etc.)	
Scarf		Fall Candle	

ADAPT | HIBERNATE | MIGRATE

Find out what these animals do!

Animal	Adapt	Hibernate	Migrate
Bear			
Duck			
Squirrel			
Snowy Owl			
Moose			
Bat			
Coyote			
Butterfly			
Dolphin			
Deer			
Sea Turtle			
Skunk			

Adapt: To remain and stay active in the winter. Animals must adapt to the changing weather. Many make changes in their behavior or bodies. To keep warm, animals may grow new, thicker fur in the fall.

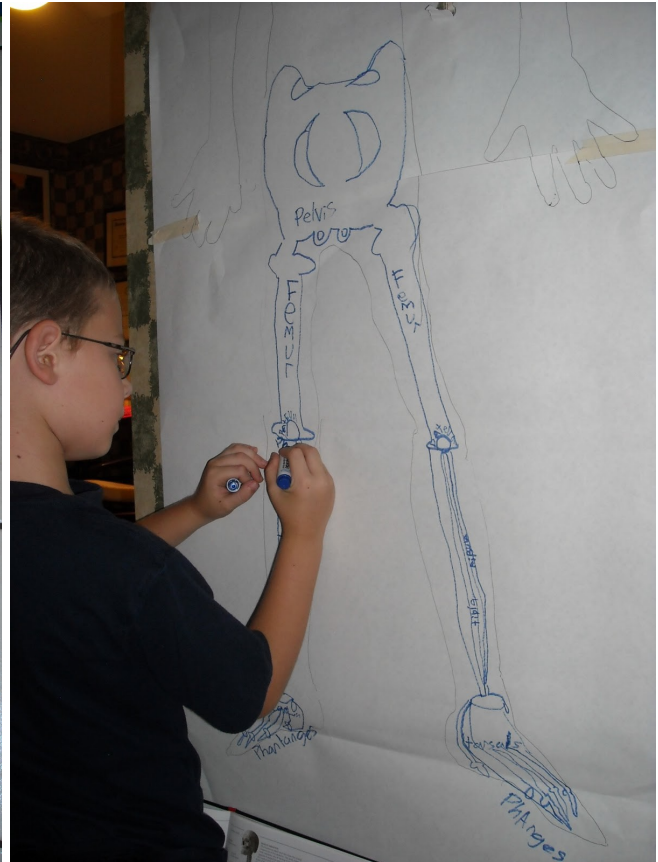
Hibernate: This is a special deep sleep. An animal's body temperature drops while heartbeat and breathing slow down. The animal uses little energy. In the fall, these animals get ready for winter by eating more food and storing it as body fat.

Migrate: To travel to other places where the weather is warmer or where they can find food.

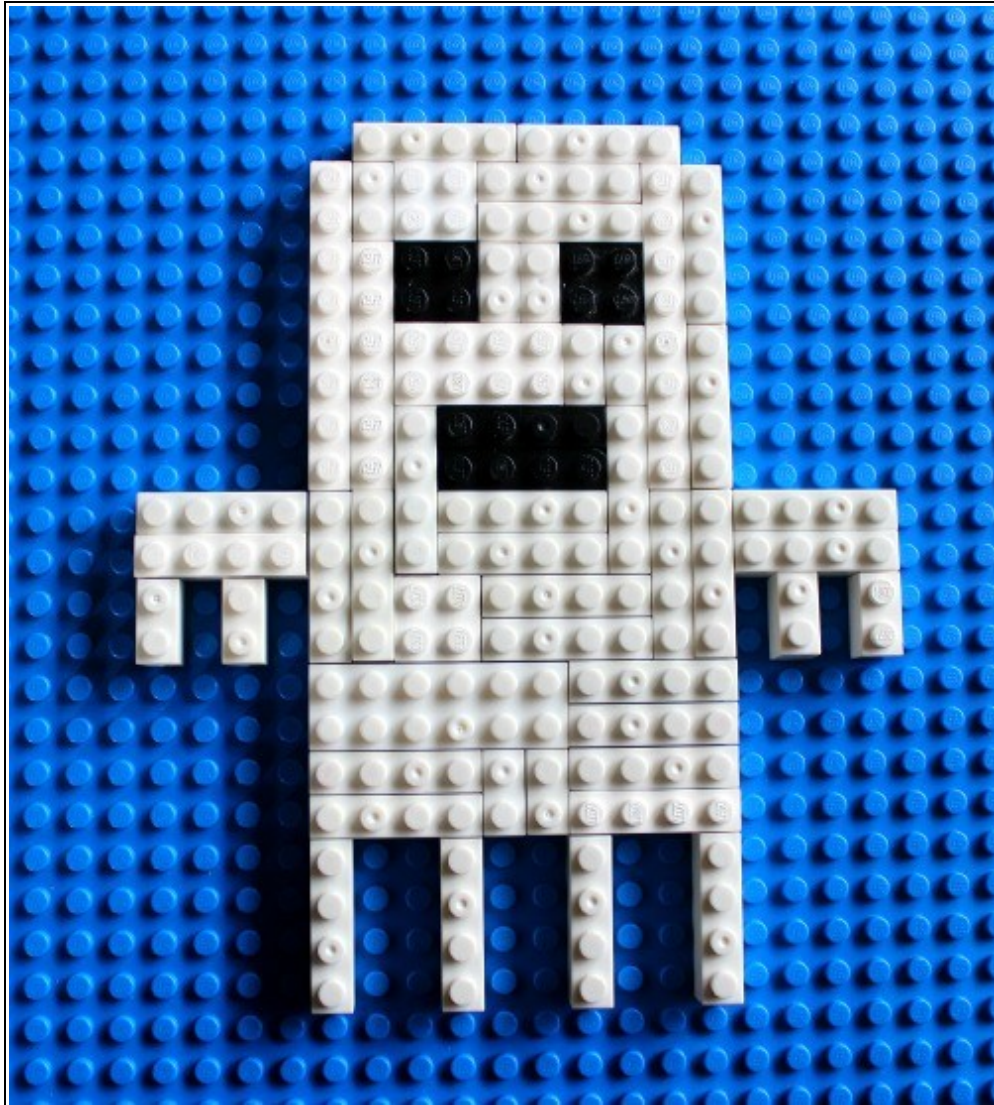
“SKELETON” ANATOMY LESSON

It's that time of year when the scary spooky decorations fill the store aisles. My children love it – me, *not so much*. However, I believe I can compromise especially for an educational lesson!

Supplies: oversized paper, tape, pencil, marker, and child.
(butcher paper, drafting paper, back of oversized coloring sheets)

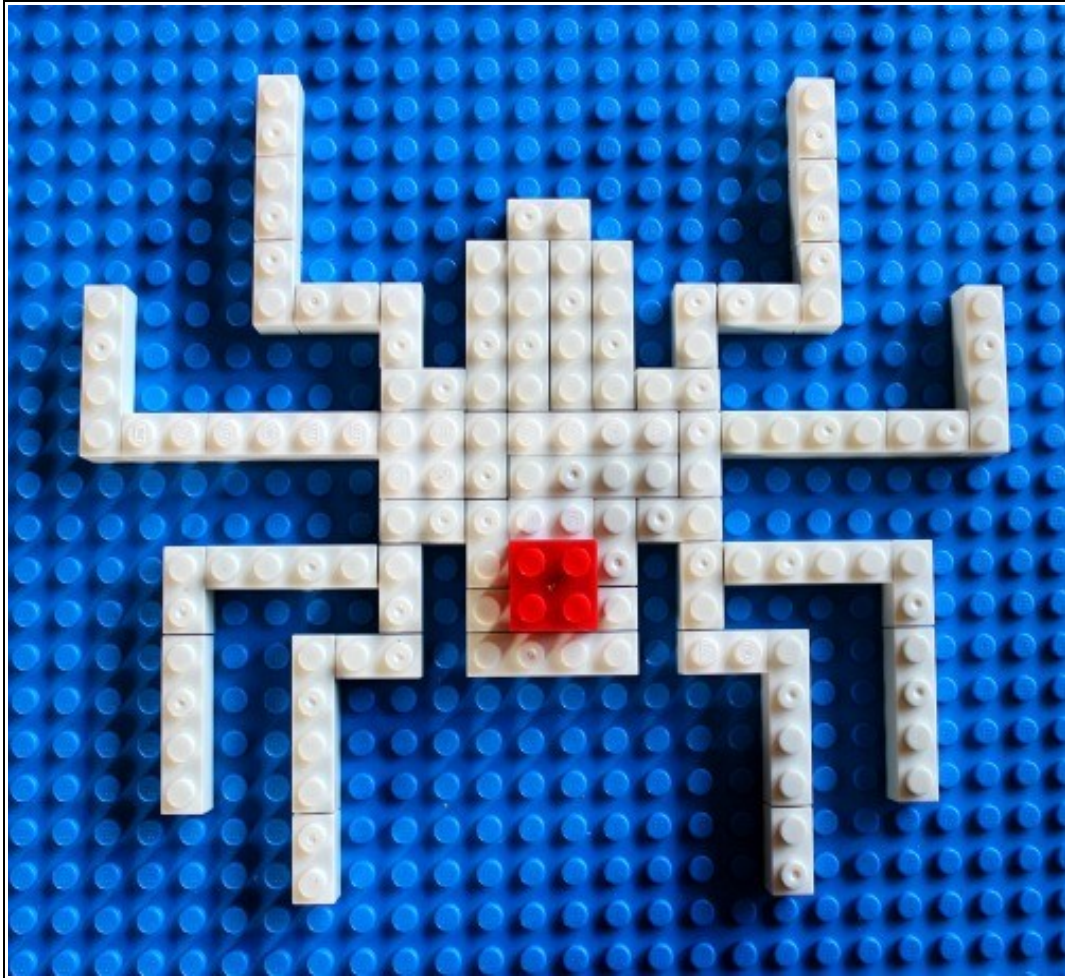


Trace your child on the paper. Allow them to sketch in their bones.
Have older children label their bones appropriately.
Roll up the papers and keep them for next year. Compare how they've grown!



GHOST

You decide – with or without arms?
Without arms you can recreate this in different colors for Pac-Man ghosts!



SPIDER

We originally started making a spider web, but our web looked more like a spider.
We're calling this the albino black widow!

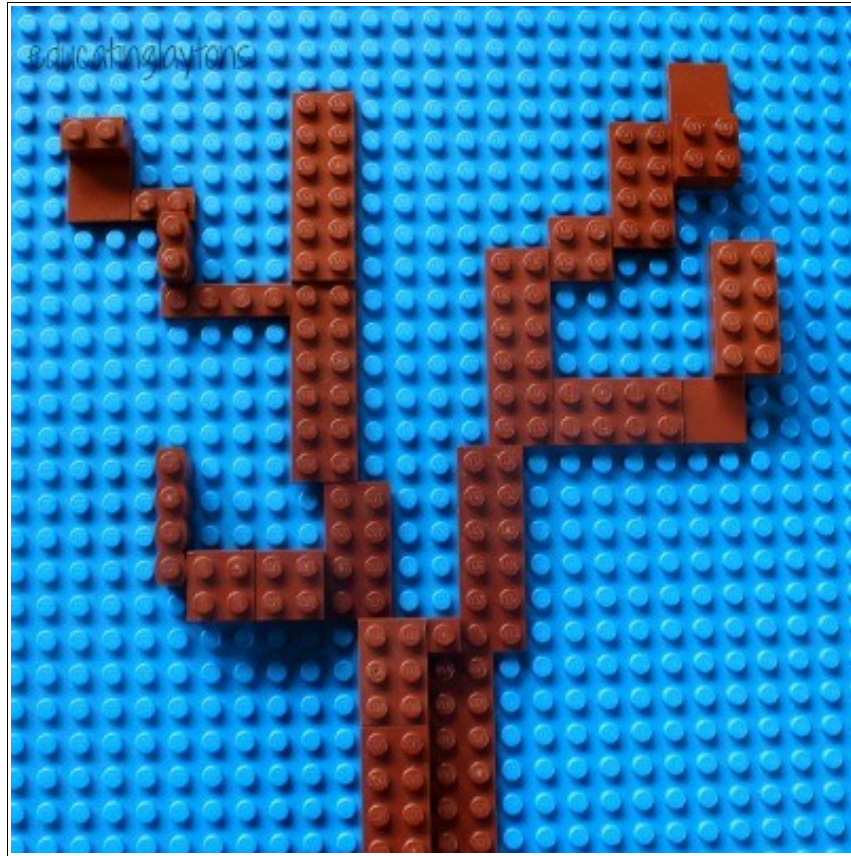
FUN FACT:

A "Daddy Long-Legs" spider cannot bite humans –
their jaws won't open wide enough.



WITCH

We definitely took a more Wizard of Oz approach to our witch adding ruby slippers.



SPOOKY TREE

This is how we started our “fall tree”.
Keeping the tree blank of leaves makes it look like a real old spooky tree.

ABOUT: Educating Laytons

Stef Layton is a homeschooling mom to two energetic superheroes.
She believes in hands-on interest-led learning.
Married to a busy traveling golf course architect, they have taken their
homeschool on the road to enjoy many field trips.



The Layton boys are tactile learners and enjoy adding bricks to lessons. Jake Layton is 10 years old and owns over 5lbs of random brick pieces. When he's not building, Jake is active in soccer, flag-football, Awana, and flipping on the trampoline. Jake also likes to fish, swim, bike ride, and read. Jake's favorite books are: Percy Jackson and Harry Potter.

Brick Storage: Jake keeps his bricks in an oversized plastic bin. Some special pieces and figures fit into smaller plastic cases. All sets that have been taken apart remain in plastic bags to be put together again (*or perfected*) later.

*"I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."
Psalm 139:14*