



Tameside Cultural Services

A TAMESIDE WITCH

There once was a witch called **Nell Nettlespike** who believed herself to be so frightening that she wanted to tackle the Devil himself who was living in a large hill called Kinderscout.

Recognising he had the highest lookout point, she roamed around until she found a hill that was just a little bit smaller. Known as the Devil's shelf today, it was where she spied on both the Devil and all the land around. However, it took her a long time to find this spot so she soon fell asleep.

Of course, the Devil had been watching Nell so as soon as she was sleeping, he reached out his long arm and grabbed her from the shelf. He then carried her inside Kinderscout and kept her as a prisoner for many years.

Nell kept on thinking about how to get away and one day she escaped. Using a spell, she flew like the wind over the moors below and thought she would finally be safe from view. However, the Devil saw her as she was vanishing into the distance on Bleaklow Moor.

He took three long strides and with his arm at full stretch, struck down the witch who tumbled over the edge of the hill now known as Nell's Pike. Nell rolled down the hill into the woods below where she died, but not before cursing the Devil for her murder!!



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Make a Nell NettleSPIKE mobile

You will need:

A paper plate

Crayons such as green, orange and black

Felt tip pens for drawing

Orange tissue paper or paper that you've coloured orange

Black paper for the witch's hat

Wool

Scissors

Glue stick

Any coloured decorations such as sequins, stars, beads, paper shapes etc.

Instructions

-  Take a paper plate and colour it green
-  Draw eyes and a nose onto the middle (your nose could have warts on it or can be crooked, you choose!)
-  Draw a mouth beneath the nose to show her ugly teeth
-  Make some hair using orange tissue paper
-  Draw a triangle onto black paper to make a hat and glue the ends of your hair onto one edge
-  Turn the triangle over and glue on the witch's head. Make sure your witch can see through her hair though as she will be flying on her broomstick later!
-  Add decorations to the hat
-  Make a hole at the top of her hat and thread some wool through to make a hanger for your mobile

