

"X" Marks The Spot

Words & Music:
Traditional

MOTIONS FOR ALL VERSIONS:

The person chanting performs the motions listed after each line on the back of another person. Do them lightly!

1. From KCH's Childhood:

"X" marks the spot

(With your forefinger, trace an "X")

With a dot, dot, dot,

(With same finger, lightly poke three "dots" on their back)

And a dash, dash, dash,

(Now, trace three horizontal dashes, one below the other)

And a big question mark!

(Trace a question mark on their back)

The water trickles up,

(With both hands, lightly stroke fingertips upwards)

The water trickles down,

(Same as above, but move fingertips downwards)

The water trickles all around.

(Now, move fingertips around in a circular motion)

Crack!

(Pretend to crack an egg over the person's head by knocking knuckles together. Then, pretend to let egg cascade down by lightly touching their heads with fingertips.)

2. From Correspondent Susan's Childhood:

"X" marks the spot

(With your forefinger, trace an "X")

With a dot, dot, dot,

(With same finger, lightly poke three "dots" on their back)

And a big question mark!

(Trace a question mark on their back)

Crack an egg on your head and the yolk runs down

(Lightly trickle fingertips from crown of head down)

And the spider spins a web that goes 'round & 'round & 'round

(lightly tickle back in circles)

And the chills run up your spine!

(lightly tickle up spine)

Gotcha!

3. From Correspondent Alanna's Aussie Childhood:

"X" marks the spot

(With your forefinger, trace an "X")

With a dot, dot, dot,

(With same finger, lightly poke three "dots" on their back)

And a dash, dash, dash,

(Now, trace three horizontal dashes, one below the other)

And a dagger in the back!

(Stab them in the back)

The blood running up,

(With both hands, lightly stroke fingertips upwards)

The blood running down,

(Same as above, but move fingertips downwards)

Creepy crawlies crawling around.

(Now, tickle their head & ears like a whole lot of spiders)

Crack!

(Pretend to crack an egg over the person's head by knocking knuckles together. Then, pretend to let egg cascade down by lightly touching their heads with fingertips.)

4. From Correspondent Kim's Childhood:

"X" marks the spot

(With your forefinger, trace an "X")

With a dot, dot, dot,

(With same finger, lightly poke three "dots" on their back)

And a dash, dash, dash,

(Now, trace three horizontal dashes, one below the other)

And a pinch, pinch, pinch!

(softly of course!)

Up the body, down the body.

(fingers gently go up and down)

Stab in the back!

(gently pretend to stab)

Feel the spiders crawling all around.

(Now, tickle their back like a whole lot of spiders)

Tight squeeze,

(hug tightly)

Cool breeze,

(blow gently on their back or neck)

Now you've got the shivers!