

# "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!