

FISH NET

One day Ekeuhnick walked around in the woods. Among the trees he saw a spider web. There were a few flies in it. He sat down and watched. Soon the spider came and ate the juice out of the flies. Then, while Ekeuhnick watched, the spider left. Another fly came and got caught in the web.

Ekeuhnick thought: "Suppose I make a string, small and light, out of the hide of a small animal. I could make a net just like this web to catch fish."

So, he prepared to make a web to catch fish from the water. He made thin strings from caribou hide. He knotted them together with even spaces between the knots to make a mesh. When it was complete, he put the web he had made in the creek and set it by the net. Some fish were caught in it.

From then on, every man made a net. Some made them out of the sinews of the big animals with different size spaces between the knots so the nets had many kinds of meshes to catch the different kinds of fish.

Now that the man could catch many sizes of fish, they began to dry them to use when the fish were not so many in the rivers and the cold weather came.