



Witchy's Turned Around House

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I know a VERY imaginative character.

You have to be thinking of Witchy!

One and the same. It's that spinning contest she enters that tweaks her imagination. Being VERY imaginative, she doesn't want to spin webs (spider webs OR web sites) or yarns.

Too UNimaginative?

She tries to spin a house around, instead. Only there is a midnight deadline. She stirs the brew with all her might and wails a spell into her cauldron.

Let Witchy be clever. Brew stormy weather, without a sliver of shine...Brew winds that blow the spinning sign...Blow children's laughter in the mix and whirl it, and swirl it, and spin it. Hurry! quick as a mouse. "Poof! Spin the Dow's house."

Wauwinet is far from town...so getting children's laughter is a challenge.

Does Witchy win the contest?

She has big problems, but in the end, you bet she wins.

Don't give away how she wins.

It IS pretty imaginative.

Time for the story: Please read the book OR listen and read along on the CD.

I think Witchy still gives midnight tours in her broom buggy.

Cool.

There really is a house that was turned around after a storm.

On Nantucket Island. The DOW's house. Mrs. Dow read WITCHY'S TURNED AROUND HOUSE to her grandchildren and they asked her if Witchy really turned the house around!

That's imagination. Speaking of imagination, what did YOU like imagining?
Riding in a broom buggy was fun.
It COULD happen...IN YOUR IMAGINATION!

♪ Witchy's Song ♪

I'm Witchy. I'm Witchy. Witchy is my name.
I spin webs. I spin yarns.
I can spin a house around.
A breeze. An unexpected sneeze...
and Wowie, Whizzie, Whew...
Children's laughter filled my brew
with its spinning power...at the midnight hour...
just in time to get the winning spin.
See me grin. Step right in.
Ride in my broom buggy...on a midnight ride.
With joy and pride...I'll show you my medals 1...2...3...
and my house by the sea...turned around, turned around,
turned around, turned around house...
by the sea...turned around, turned around,
turned around, turned around house...by the sea.

Readers' Theater: Script available in Stories on Stage booklet of scripts.

CHOREOGRAPHY - Sing and move!

♪ **Witchy's Song** ♪

Suggested space: Create a circle. Spread arms to fingertips.

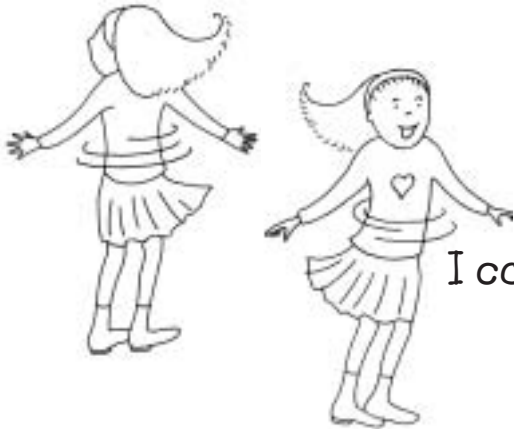
22 counts (Stand in place. Feet together.

Arms at side. Knee bends.)

On count 23, start with right heel toe, singing:

I'm Witchy. I'm Witchy. Witchy is my name.

(heel toe, 8 counts, alternating feet.)



I can spin webs. (Spin to one side.)

I can spin yarns. (Spin to the other side.)

I can spin a house around. (Spin all the way around.)



A breeze.

(Stand in place. Feet together.

Roll hands, muffler position)

An unexpected sneeze. (Faster hands roll, knee bend on "sneeze".)

And Wowie, Whizzie, Whew.

(Twirl hands outward to the side.

Make 3 circle rings.)



6 counts – Stand in place. Feet together. Arms at side. Knee bends.

On count 7, **Children's laughter filled my brew.** (heel toe, heel toe)

With its spinning power...(Spin all the way around.)

At the midnight hour...just in time (heel toe, heel toe or 2 knee bends)
to get the winning spin. (Spin around the other way.)

See me grin...(Lift hands, palms up
and outward, thumbs toward face,
to show off your grin.)



Step right in...(Step forward with 2 steps, right, left.)

Ride in my broom buggy...(Stand in place. Knee bends.)

On a midnight ride...(Hands at side.)

With joy and pride...(Hands at side, shoulders back, stand tall.)



I'll show you my medals 1...2...3...

(extend hand with palm upward,
fingers away from the face, and
raise fingers to count 1, 2, 3)

and my house by the sea...(knee bend)

turned around, turned around, turned around,
turned around house...by the sea...

(turn all the way around)

turned around, turned around, turned around,
turned around house...by the sea.

(Turn all the other way around.)



(A sweeping bow.)