

CLOAK OF GOLD SPUN BY 1 MILLION SPIDERS GOING ON DISPLAY

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London (CNN) — A golden cape woven from the silk of 1.7 million Golden Orb spiders has gone on display at London's Victoria and Albert Museum.

The richly embellished garment — its bright yellow hue is the natural color of the spider silk — is the result of a seven-year project on the Indian Ocean Island of Madagascar.

Using long poles, a team of 60 people worked to collect the spiders from their web, cut them and harvest their silk before returning them to the web.

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