

Instructions for Carving a Shaved Pumpkin

Color Key

White = leave pumpkin intact
Gray = shave off the top layer
Black = cut out completely



First things first

1. Pick out a pumpkin that will fit your pattern well
2. Carefully cut around the top of your pumpkin at a 45 degree angle to prevent the lid from falling in, ensuring the hole is large enough for you to stick your arm inside
3. Clean out all the guts, seeds, and strings
4. Thin the inside of the pumpkin by scraping the sides with the super goop scoop until the walls are ½ inch thick
5. Wash your pumpkin, making sure to clean the inside, outside, and the lid with a washcloth
6. Dry the pumpkin well, especially the outside

**Tip: Place the pumpkin on a cooking pot for an easier carving angle*

Time to draw on the pattern!

1. Secure the pattern on the pumpkin using push pins or packing tape
**Tip: Tacking the pattern in a spiral motion will remove slack, making the pattern lie flat on your pumpkin*
2. Trace over the lines on your pattern with a dark-colored ballpoint pen, which will score your pumpkin
3. Remove the pattern

Time to start carving!

1. Use a small carving knife to extract the black shapes, moving from smallest to largest
**Tip: Do not pull out any of the black areas until all are cut*
2. Once all are cut, gently pull them out using your knife
3. If there are odd shapes it is easier to cut them out in multiple pieces

Shave Away!

1. Put a light inside your pumpkin to determine how deep you need to shade areas to get a three dimensional look
2. Use your second pattern for reference and begin cutting the remaining lines in your pattern with a V-bit linoleum cutter
3. Shave off all the gray areas of your pattern, making sure to not cut all the way through
4. Once you are satisfied with the texture and amount of light that shines through, wash your pumpkin once more and dry it thoroughly

Finishing Touches!

1. Coat the inside and outside of your pumpkin with lemon juice to keep the bacteria away
2. Once it is dry, insert a light or a candle and prop it up outside
3. Bask in your pumpkin carving glory and enjoy making the neighbors jealous