

Instructions for Carving Cut-Out Pumpkins

Color Key

White = leave pumpkin intact

Gray = 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 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches 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

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!