



## *Carve your own pumpkin*

### ***You will need:***

Pumpkin  
Scissors  
Spoon  
Small nail  
Serrated knife  
Tape

### ***Instructions:***

1. Cut a hole in the top of your pumpkin for a lid.  
Make sure you angle your knife inwards so that the lid sits on top of the pumpkin and doesn't fall in.
2. Scoop out the seeds from the middle of the pumpkin.
3. Scrape away some of the pumpkin flesh so that the wall of the pumpkin is about an inch thick.



4. Cut out the stencil and fix it to the pumpkin using tape or pins. If you are having trouble getting the paper to sit neatly on the pumpkin try dipping the paper in water.
5. Once you are satisfied with the positioning, poke a nail through the stencil at intervals of about 1/8<sup>th</sup> of an inch all the way around the black sections, deep enough to leave a mark in the pumpkin.
6. Remove the paper and push a nail right into the pumpkin where you want to start carving. Then remove the nail.
7. Do this for every black section at the point where you want to start carving. This will make it easier as it releases the tension of the skin.
8. Use your serrated knife to start carving. Start near the middle of the design and use a sawing motion with little pressure. This takes patience!
9. Once you're done place a pumpkin light on a piece of foil and put it in the pumpkin. (You may need to create a small hole in the lid to allow smoke to escape).



*Only carve your pumpkin if you are supervised by a responsible adult*



*Take care when using knives and sharp objects*

**Time to sit back with your pumpkin light and tell some  
spooky stories!**

