

5 Easy Steps to a Jack o'Lantern

Step 1



Place pumpkin on several layers of newspaper for easy cleanup. Cut a circle around the stem of the pumpkin. Use a sharp knife with a long, sturdy blade.

Step 2



Cut at an angle – it keeps the “lid” from falling into the pumpkin.

Step 3



Make sure the hole you cut is large enough to reach in and pull out the seeds and stringy membrane.

Step 4



Study your pumpkin to “find” his face. Draw the design on a plain sheet of white paper, or printout one of our handy jack o'lantern stencils. Tape the paper to the pumpkin, then score the design onto the pumpkin by punching through the paper into the pumpkin flesh with a large nail.

Step 5



With a sharp serrated knife, cut out the design following the holes that were “punched”. Push out the pieces.

Final Results



A jack o'lantern that's ready to light your front porch on that special, spooky night!

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carving tips 

Let big kids and grown-ups do the carving. Younger children can help draw faces or transfer the stencils and scoop out the pumpkin insides. Little kids can also decorate their own pumpkins with stickers.

Be prepared for a mess. Line cutting surfaces with plastic and newspaper. Keep plastic-lined trash cans or bags at the ready for pumpkin innards.

Make it a challenge. Give out small prizes for the scariest and silliest or for those that most resemble their carver or a celebrity.