PUMPKINIFY ME

Your pumpkin stencil kit

Large pumpkin (about 11" / 28 cm tall) · design 182 mm tall · A4 · 1 stencil sheet



What it'll look like — don't trace this

The key

- Cut through
- Shave (peel the skin)
- Leave the skin
- Bridge: don't cut

Shaved areas glow softly; cut-through areas glow brightest.

You'll need

- A carving saw (a small serrated knife works)
- A lino cutter, loop tool or peeler for shaving
- A pin tool, awl or push pin
- Tape, scissors and a little flour
- A big spoon to scoop and thin the wall

Print check Print at 100% / "Actual size" and turn off "Fit to page". On each stencil sheet the black-and-white bar should measure exactly 50 mm. If it doesn't, fix the print setting and print again.

Transfer the pattern

1. Trim the paper to just outside the corner marks.
2. Scoop the pumpkin and thin the carving side to about 2.5 cm (1") from the inside.
3. Tape the pattern smoothly to the pumpkin. Snip small darts at the edges so it lies flat.
4. Poke holes along every line, about 3 mm (1/8") apart.
5. Peel the paper off and rub flour over the dots so they show up.

Carve it, in this order

1. Score the outline of every hatched (shaved) area, then peel away the skin inside it.
2. Cut through the black areas from the centre outwards: small details and eyes first, the largest pieces last.
3. Leave cut pieces in place until everything is cut, then push them out gently.
4. Keep the reference page next to you and check it often.
5. Light it with an LED candle or tea light and step back.



Tape this sheet to your pumpkin

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Not to scale. Check this while you carve to see what to cut, shave or leave.



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