

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.



2 bridges added — don't cut the red-outlined strips

Bridges hold floating parts of the design in place. Leave them as skin.



Tape this sheet to your pumpkin

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Reference: keep next to you

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



Reference copy (not to scale)

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