

CARVE OUT SOME FALL FUN

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YOU'LL NEED:

- PRINTED COPY OF YOUR TEMPLATE
- PUMPKIN (LARGE ENOUGH FOR PATTERN TO FIT)
- PUMPKIN CARVING SAW OR KNIFE
- PUMPKIN SCOOP OR LARGE SPOON
- POKING TOOL
- MASKING TAPE

STEP 1:

With the carving saw, cut a lid in the top of the pumpkin. Be sure to cut at an inward angle to prevent the lid from falling inside.

STEP 2:

Remove the fibrous strands and seeds (the brains) with your hands or scoop, using the scoop to clean up the sides.

STEP 3:

Cut off the excess paper around the design and secure it to the pumpkin with tape.

STEP 4:

With the poking tool, poke holes around the edges of the pattern that are deep enough to pierce the paper and pumpkin skin.

STEP 5:

Remove the paper and cut into your pumpkin with the carving saw, holding it like a pencil. Use an in and out motion that follows the lines of dots. For stability, cut out small pieces then work your way from the center to the outer edge. When finished carving, poke the pieces out gently. Use the original pattern for reference; anything in black will be removed.

STEP 6:

Show off your finished pumpkin! Don't forget to tag us at [@oregonstatealum](https://twitter.com/oregonstatealum).

*Children should be supervised by an adult while using pumpkin stencils.



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