

Paisley Pumpkin Stencil

1. Clean out the pumpkin, scraping the flesh thinnest in the region in which you'll carve the design. Use a photocopier to enlarge or reduce the pattern to fit the pumpkin.
2. Attach the pattern to the pumpkin with tape.
3. Use a pin to make closely spaced pin pricks along the stencil lines, piercing the paper.
4. Simply peel away skin within dotted lines (known as "etching") using a gouge (available at art or woodworking store). Use a drill to carve out holes in the areas indicated by the solid lines on the pattern. You may want to etch before you carve to avoid breakage.

