WILD THINGS TEMPLATES
Get the how-tos and templates for our spooky pumpkin crafts, featuring etching and relief carving techniques, in this printable download.

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TOOLS & MATERIALS
• Spoon for cleaning inside
• Patterns, below and on following pages
• Tape
• Pin
• Thin, sharp crafts knife
• Wood carving gouges

BASICS
In addition to carving away sections of pumpkin shell, these projects use etching techniques that remove the outer layer of skin to create details.

Clean the pumpkin
After scooping out the seeds and strings, scrape away at least a ½ inch of flesh from inside the pumpkin so more light glows through the etched areas.

Attach stencils
Use a photocopier to enlarge or reduce the pattern to fit the pumpkin. Tape pattern in place.

Using a pin, pierce the paper along the stencil lines to make closely spaced pinpricks.

Etch, then carve
Use a gouge to etch large sections and a crafts knife to outline and cut out fine details. Referencing your printed stencil, etch by removing top layer of skin within dotted lines. Then fully carve away areas in solid lines. (Etching first prevents breakage.)
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EYES

[Image of pumpkin templates for eyes]
Use our templates to cut wing shapes out of black felt. Hot-glue black pipe cleaners to all the outside edges of the wings and from the top point to the bottom edge along the template’s center solid lines. Hot-glue toothpicks at points A and B perpendicular to the side that attaches to the pumpkin and with ends extending beyond the felt; insert those ends into the pumpkin. For ears, cut out small triangles from felt. Hot-glue a toothpick down the center of the ear so that one end extends beyond the felt; insert that end into the pumpkin.
SKULL

[Image of a pumpkin template for carving a skull design]