

Owl Stencil

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Print template, enlarging or reducing the pattern (Page 2) to fit your pumpkin.
 2. If using a real pumpkin, hollow and clean it out. When using a foam pumpkin, such as a Funkin, clean the outside.
 3. Create a stencil by cutting out and discarding each shape from the pattern with a crafts knife such as a X-acto.
 4. Attach the stencil to the pumpkin with painter's tape.
 5. Trace inside the cutouts with a washable marker.
 6. Remove the stencil. (If you don't like the look, simply wipe off the lines and start again.)
 7. **FOAM PUMPKINS:** On solid lines, use a crafts knife to cut all the way through the pumpkin; discard those pieces. With crafts knife, score surface along dotted lines, then peel away the finish inside the dotted lines (this is known as etching). Tip: We found a Dremel tool with a sanding tip eased removing the finish.
- REAL PUMPKINS:** On solid lines, use a crafts knife to cut all the way through the pumpkin; discard those pieces. With crafts knife, score surface along dotted lines, then scrape away the skin inside the dotted lines (this is known as etching). Tip: A linoleum carving tool (available at art supply stores) eases etching. You may want to etch before you carve to avoid breakage.



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