

## Raccoon Stencil

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### 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:** Using a small brush and black acrylic paint, paint inside the solid lines, except for the eyes. With a crafts knife, cut out the eyes. 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:** Using a small brush and black acrylic paint, paint inside the solid lines, except for the eyes. With a crafts knife, cut out the eyes. 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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