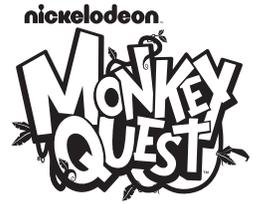


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STEP 1: PREPARE YOUR AREA

This gets messy! Make sure you put newspaper or a plastic trash bag down in your work area.

Then, gather all the supplies you'll need:

- An Adult to Help
- 1 Pumpkin
- Your Printed Pattern
- Scissors
- Washable Marker
- Pumpkin Carving Knife or Pumpkin Carving Kit
- Tea Light or Pumpkin Candle

STEP 2: OPEN YOUR PUMPKIN

Find the top stem of your pumpkin and draw a circle around it with a water-based marker. Carefully use a pumpkin cutter to cut around the line you drew at an angle so the outer edge is larger than the inside edge. That way, your lid doesn't fall into your pumpkin.

STEP 3: THE MESSY PART

Remove the lid you made, and remove the pumpkin seeds and goopy insides using a big spoon. Then make a small flat part at the bottom of the pumpkin where a candle will sit.

STEP 4: DESIGNING YOUR PUMPKIN

Make a stencil by cutting out the black areas on the template, then trace your design onto the pumpkin with a water-based marker.

STEP 5: CARVING TIME

You'll be cutting out the black sections of the pumpkin pattern. When carving start at the middle of the design so you avoid putting pressure on areas you've already cut. Be gentle when you cut -- go over your lines a few times rather than pushing it all the way through the pumpkin on the first cut.

Make a mistake? Don't worry! If you accidentally cut a part you didn't need to cut, you can stick a toothpick into the piece and put it right back.

STEP 6: FINISHING TOUCHES

Set your pumpkin aside and make sure you wrap up all the mess in your newspaper. Once you've cleaned up, place a candle into your ghoulish monkey pumpkin. If your candle has trouble staying lit, it needs more air. You can increase the air supply by creating a vent in the back of the pumpkin lid.

Make sure you put your new monk'o'lantern in a special place away from flammable things, and have an Ooktacular Halloween!