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Pumpkin Carving Stencils

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Letter from the Editor

Hello Holiday Crafters,

For many people, carving pumpkins is the best part about Halloween. It's so much fun to get creative with your jack-o'-lantern designs, and sometimes it can get quite competitive on the neighborhood block. If you're looking for something truly unique yet simple to execute, these free pumpkin stencils will be your best friends this Halloween. In this eBook, you'll find 15 pumpkin carving stencils, easy pumpkin seed recipes, tips on how to preserve a pumpkin, and expert opinions on real candles vs. LED lights.

Halloween will be here before you know it, so be sure to use this free eBook as your guide to all things pumpkin. The pumpkin carving stencils within are simple enough to even be completed the night before—or even the day of—Halloween. That means, no matter how hectic your October has been you will still have creative last-minute pumpkin ideas that will make your holiday memorable. No need to buy a stencil kit this year!

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Pumpkin Carving Stencils

Flaming Car Template



For all you auto aficionados out there, here's a unique pumpkin carving pattern that's sure to get your engines revving. Download this Flaming Car Template to design your own car-themed pumpkin carving pattern. You're sure to have the speediest jack-o'-lantern in town with this design!

FLAMING CAR



Moon Cat Carving Idea



Cats are one of the most popular household pets. Yet there has always been accompanying lore that has tied our feline friends to the supernatural world. Now you can bring those purr-fect legends to life and create unique Halloween decorations with this Moon Cat Carving Idea. It's one of the loveliest pumpkin stencils in our collection. With this free template, you can carve an elegant catlike silhouette perched gracefully on a crescent moon. This enchanting pumpkin will be so different than all the rest in the neighborhood and it's sure to make everyone grin.

MOON CAT

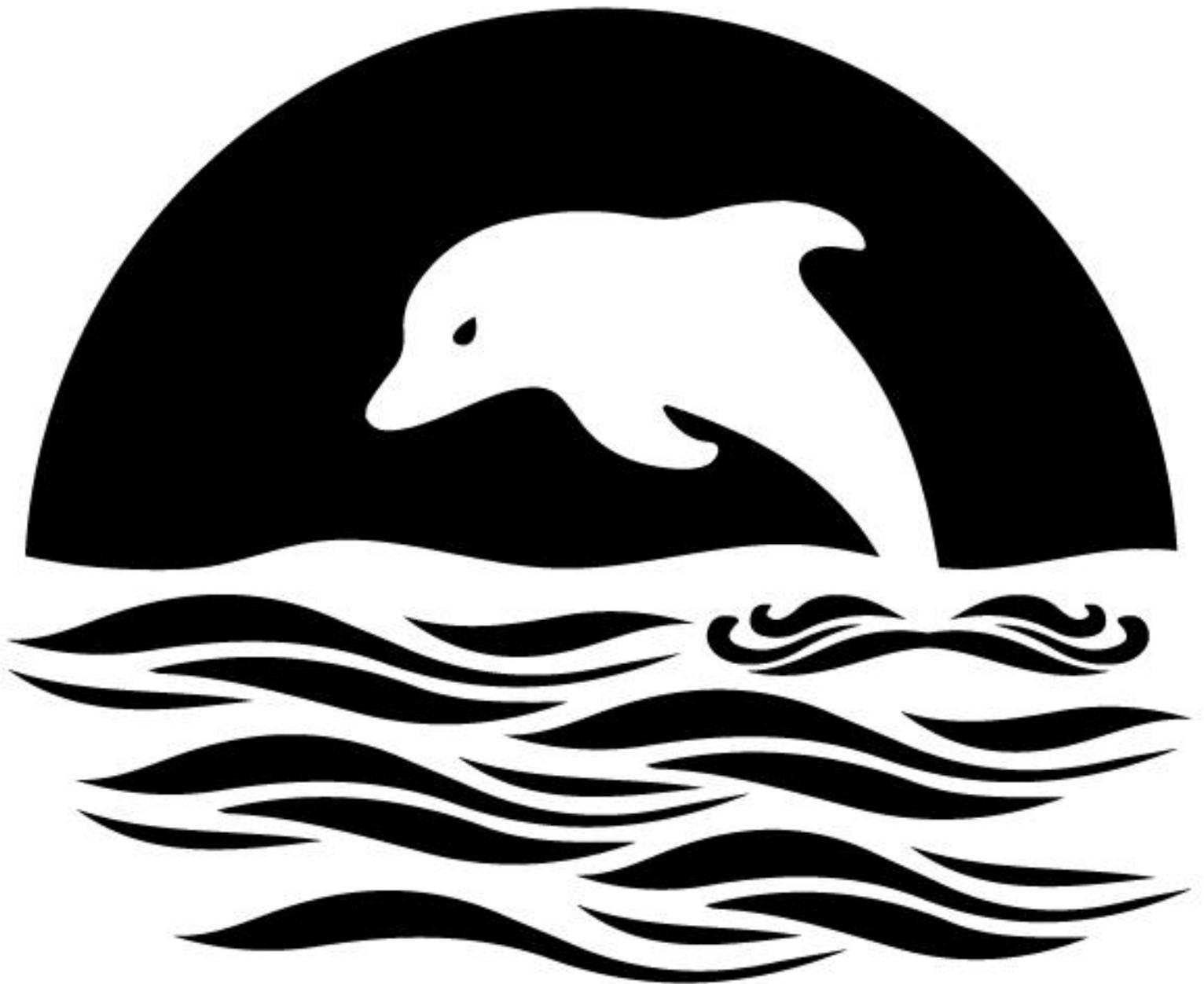


Jumping Dolphin Stencil



With this Jumping Dolphin Stencil, you can create a majestic jack-o'-lantern that's sure to impress your friends and neighbors! They've probably seen plenty of interesting pumpkin carving ideas, but this is one of the prettiest designs ever created.

JUMPING DOLPHIN



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Melting Ghost Pattern



There are plenty of carving patterns for beginners, but not many are as spooky as this melting ghost design. In fact, this Melting Ghost Pattern is simple enough for older children to create and is a fun way to greet trick-or-treaters on Halloween!

MELTING GHOST



Spooky Graveyard Pumpkin Design



You've probably seen fake gravestones everywhere in the neighborhood around Halloween, but have you ever seen them carved right into a pumpkin? Learn how to turn your pumpkin into a haunting display of fright with this Spooky Graveyard Pumpkin Design. It's easy to carve and is sure to spook your visitors with your creativity!

SPOOKY GRAVEYARD



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Laughing Pumpkin Carving Idea



Brighten your Halloween spirit with this classic Laughing Pumpkin Carving Idea! This scary-cute pumpkin idea is perfect for any spooky celebration, and it adds just the right amount of fright. You can bring the most phant-astic Halloween pumpkin to life by simply using this pumpkin carving stencil and a candle to make this jack-o'-lantern shimmer in the night. This is a fun and easy way to decorate and brighten your porch this Halloween.

LAUGHING PUMPKIN



Horned Owl Stencil



There is a plethora of owl pumpkin carving ideas available on the Internet, but if you want your gourd to really stand out, you should go for one that's just as cute as it is creative. We love the buggy eyes of this Horned Owl Stencil and the overall design makes this an especially artistic pumpkin carving pattern!

HORNED OWL



Sugar Skull Pattern

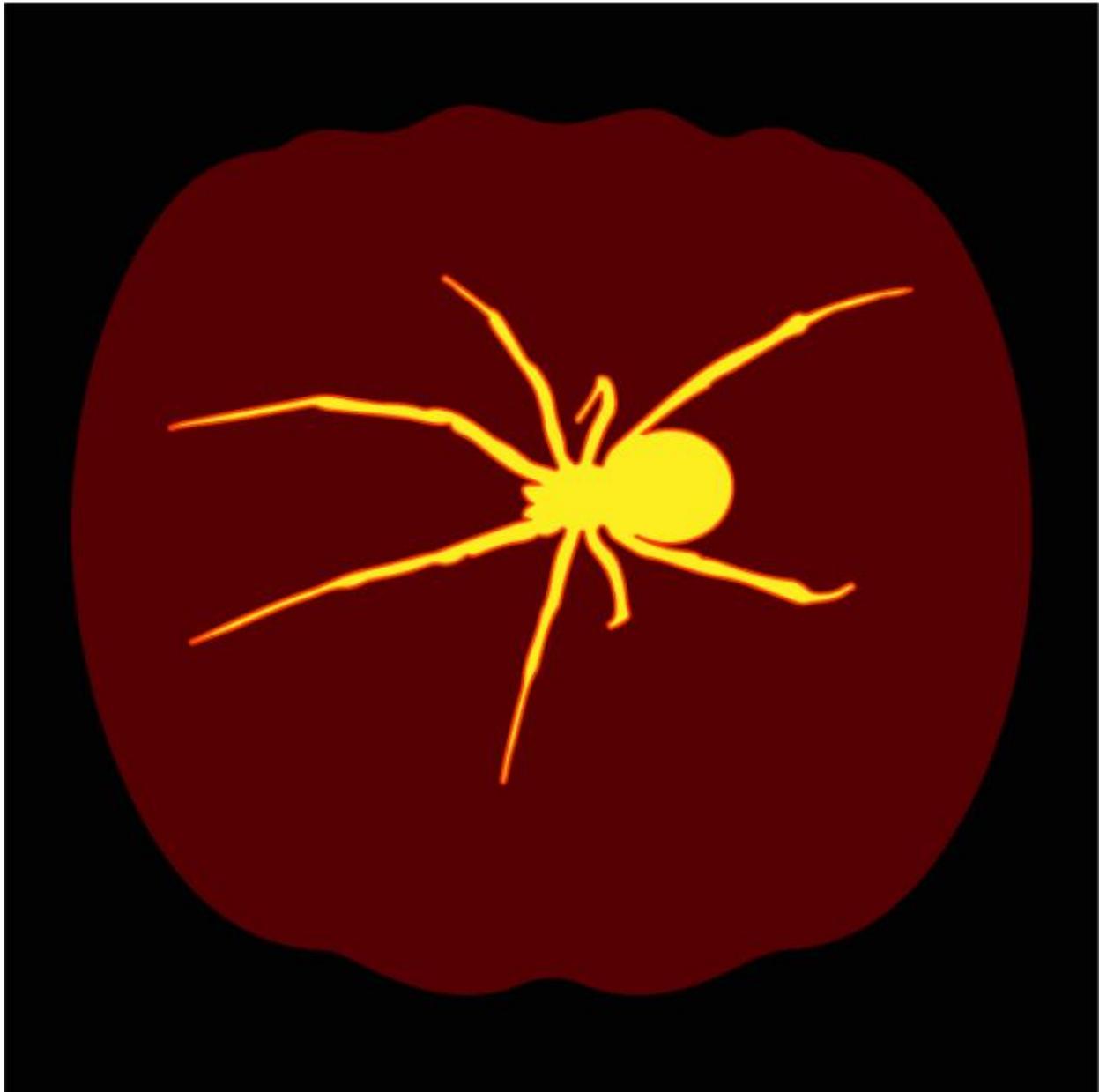


This Sugar Skull Pattern is an adorable and easy pumpkin carving idea using a traditional sugar skull design! It's so simple to make and is perfect for both Halloween and Dia de los Muertos! You can put out this pumpkin toward the end of October and leave it out until All Souls Day on November 2nd. You'll love how this carved pumpkin looks on your porch, and your neighbors will love how festive and charming it is!

SUGAR SKULL

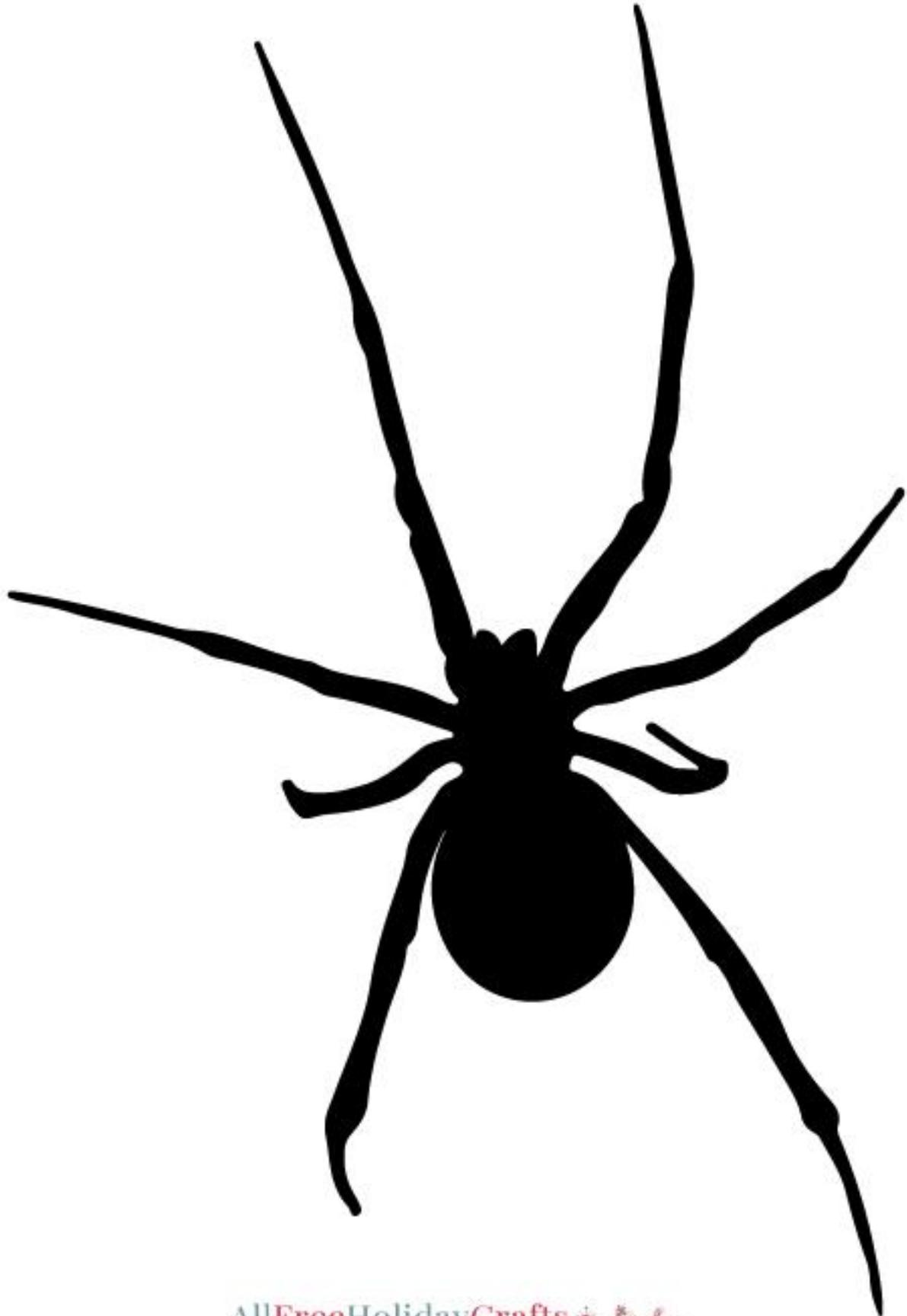


Creepy Spider Jack-o'-Lantern Design



Looking for pumpkin carving ideas that will creep out your neighbors? Look no further than this Creepy Spider Jack-o'-Lantern Design! With this scary pumpkin carving pattern, you'll be able to sufficiently frighten any trick-or-treaters who dare knock on your door!

CREEPY SPIDER



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Trick-or-Treat Pattern



Trick-or-treating is one of the greatest holiday activities all year. Make it special for the kids who come to your door with cool carved pumpkin to greet them on the porch. For those of you that love to try new designs for your pumpkins, this simple Trick-or-Treat Pattern will be as fun to carve as it is to look at. Spend some time carving this pumpkin with your kids, and they'll end up with fond memories and even a cool carving idea to recreate when they're older. Everyone will be sure to admire it, and it will get your little ones even more exciting for the night of trick-or-treating that is to come.

TRICK-OR-TREAT

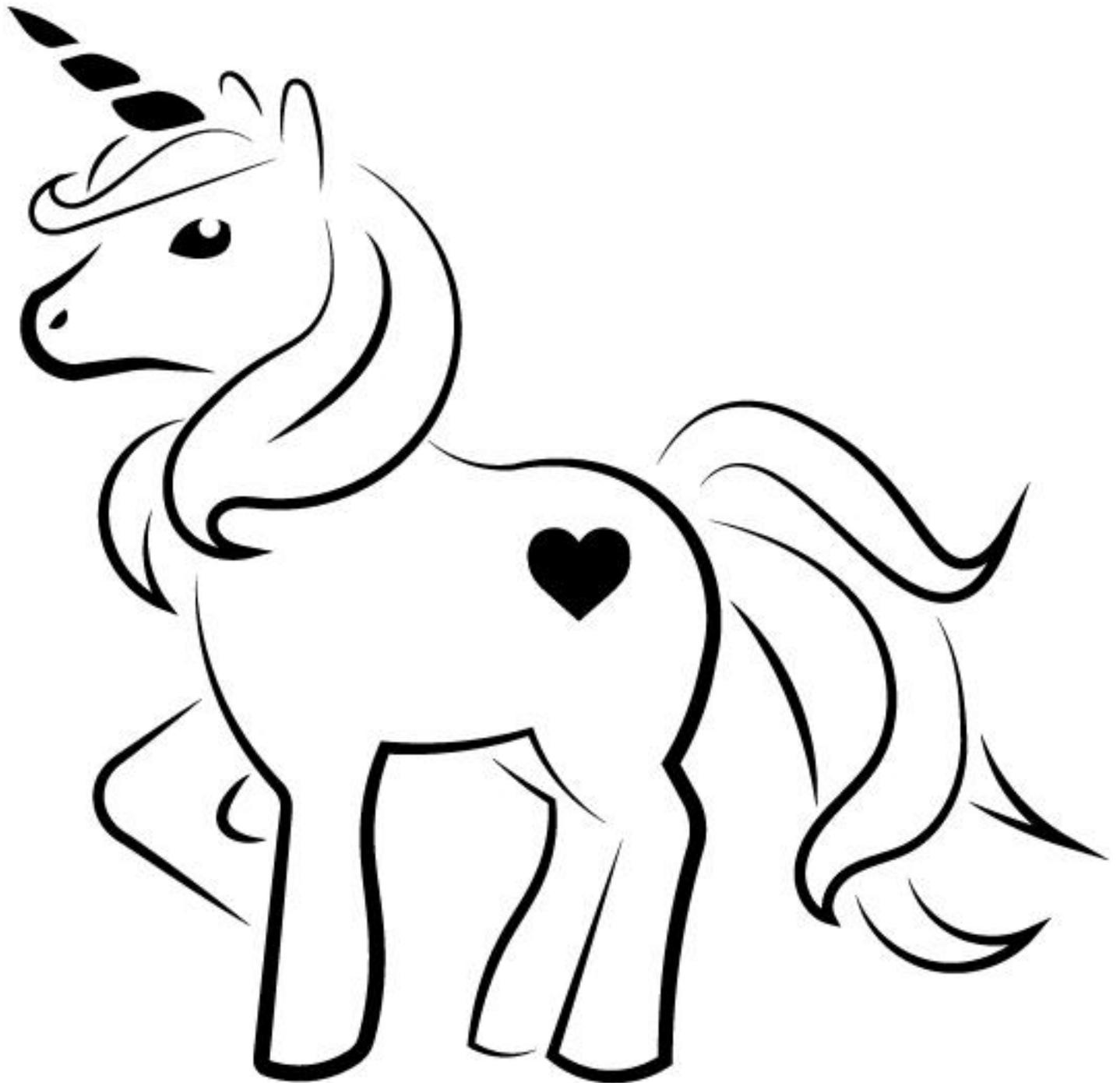


Magical Unicorn Stencil



If you're looking to challenge yourself with less conventional pumpkin carving patterns this Halloween, this Magical Unicorn Stencil is perfect for you! Bring this precious design to life with our unique pumpkin carving pattern and get ready for plenty of “oohs” and “aahs”!

MAGICAL UNICORN



Wicked Witch Carving Design



If witchcraft and wizardry seem to be infiltrating your decor this October, then your Halloween pumpkin ideas should follow that theme as well. This Wicked Witch Carving Design is so unique and will look utterly amazing alongside your other Halloween decor. Uniquely-carved pumpkins are perfect for making your house look festive and traditional without all the expensive decorations. Switch up your creepy style this year with witchy pumpkins that are sure to stand out. All the toil will be worth the trouble!

WICKED WITCH



Howling Werewolf Stencil



If you're looking for a pumpkin carving idea that is pretty easy to make and also super cool, then you should use this Howling Werewolf Stencil. Bring this unruly werewolf to life, and you will be captivated by its glowing charm. You can make it part of a pair, if you wish to carve a reversed version to have two werewolves howling at one another. This is an easy pumpkin carving stencil for adults, and it will be a hit in the neighborhood.

HOWLING WEREWOLF



Goofy Zombie Template



Use this Goofy Zombie Template on your front porch pumpkins this Halloween to bring the perfect amount of silliness to your trick-or-treat stop. This template can be completed with relative ease and requires minimal carving skill. You can use a slightly-wonky pumpkin to really bring this template's character to life. Carve the zombie's face onto your pumpkin to transform it into a wacky decoration for your spooky yard.

GOOFY ZOMBIE



Hanging Bat Carving Idea



This Hanging Bat Carving Idea is a perfect Halloween decoration that kids will love to look at. It can be done for a party to give it just the right spooky touch. This carving idea is so unique that your neighbors will think that a professional did it. The kids will love pretending to peer inside this pumpkin “cave” and spotting one of the most recognizable Halloween creatures ever. What’s more quintessentially spooky than a bat hanging from the ceiling? Luckily, this little guy won’t swoop down and fly in front of your face. He’s perfect for families who like to keep their spooks on the friendlier side.

HANGING BAT



How to Preserve a Pumpkin

The Best Ways to Preserve Pumpkins

When your pumpkin is still uncarved and you wish to preserve it for masterpiece time, you're in luck! **Uncarved pumpkins last eight to twelve weeks** as long as they were healthy and disease-free when they were picked. If you're unsure, there are a couple things you can do to keep it from rotting as soon as you bring it home. First, wash and dry the pumpkin.

Once your pumpkin is thoroughly dry, you can spray it with a mixture of **one tablespoon of bleach per quart of water**. Make sure that the spray gets into all the edges and any open "cuts" on the pumpkin. This will help get rid of any mold, mildew, and other things that rot your pumpkin quicker.

Alternatively, you can put the pumpkin into a bucket and soak it in the bleach and water mixture for about twenty minutes.

No bleach? No problem! You can also **preserve pumpkins with floor cleaner** by applying a coat of any liquid floor cleaner with a damp cloth. Note that floor cleaner does not preserve carved pumpkins.

Luckily, **gourds are hardy little produce** that won't be hurt by a light frost. However, you should make sure you're not in for an abnormally rough October. If there are too many hard frosts, pumpkins and gourds will turn mushy.



Unfortunately, **there's no real surefire way to preserve that pumpkin forever** once you've carved it. However, if you follow these eight easy steps, **you can give your whole expertly-sculpted pumpkin the longest life possible** and keep it as the perfect decoration until Halloween:

1. After the pumpkin has been carved, rinse it out with water to get rid of excess strings and gunk.
2. Soak the pumpkin in the aforementioned bleach solution (1 tablespoon of bleach per quart of water) for about 20 minutes. You may need to hold it down somehow in case it tries to float. Be sure to wear gloves when you're working with bleach.
3. Wipe the pumpkin dry.
4. Spray with extra bleach solution.
5. Dry the pumpkin upside-down for at least 20 minutes.
6. Coat the cut areas from your carving with petroleum jelly.
7. Wipe away the excess petroleum jelly from the skin of the pumpkin.
8. **Keep the pumpkin inside** where it can be consistently cool and moist.

If you want to preserve your pumpkin without bleach, **you can try vinegar**. Keep in mind, however, that the results won't last as long. To preserve a carved pumpkin with vinegar, add two tablespoons of white vinegar and one teaspoon of lemon juice to a quart of water and use it to replace the bleach solution in the steps above.

At this point, it will last longer in the house, but **it will still do okay outside** – especially as it gets closer to Halloween when you want to start putting it on your porch.

Note that **warmer climates like Florida** are not conducive to preserving a carved pumpkin for very long, so be aware that your pumpkin's lifespan will be greatly reduced by the constant warm weather.



Real Candles or LED Lights?

Do you prefer to light your jack-o'-lanterns with real candles or LED lights? Some of our favorite bloggers weigh in!

Keepin' It Real

"I love using real tea lights like I did as a child who grew up in a small town. Depending on the size of the pumpkin, I might use 2-3 tea lights. Seeing them flicker on a dark Halloween night makes me happy!" – **Kristie Cain** from [Gold Standard Workshop](#)

"For a 'natural' look I prefer real candles. For example if I want to do a spooky tablescape the night of a party, I might opt for real candles over faux. I also prefer real candles inside real pumpkin, I think they let off a nicer glow, and I'm a little leary of real candles inside plastic or foam because of the fumes." – **Alexa** from [The Swell Designer](#)

"I prefer to use tea lights in our pumpkins! I like the brighter light they cast, and sometimes I will use 2 or 3 to really make them shine!" – **Jo-Anna** from [A Pretty Life in the Suburbs](#)

LED Lovers for Life

"I prefer battery lights because you get the glow without the mess of melted wax and charred pumpkin. It also eliminates the need to replace the candle every night." – **Michelle Barneck** from [A Little Tipsy](#)

"I prefer LED Lights in my pumpkins. I love that I can light my pumpkins without having to worry about the wind blowing them out, burning my fingers, or burning my house down!" – **McKenzie Guymon** from [Girl Loves Glam](#)

Pumpkin Seed Recipes

As you “gut” your pumpkin in preparation for carving, be sure to save those seeds! We have two delicious pumpkin seed recipes for you to try, courtesy of Food Network Star [Addie Gundry](#).

Sea Salt Caramel Pumpkin Seed Clusters

**Ingredients:**

½ cup store-bought caramel sauce (like Smuckers)
1 cup dark brown sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
3-4 cups roasted salted pumpkin seeds
Sea salt

Directions:

1. Line baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a small skillet combine caramel sauce, sugar, and cinnamon. Cook until melted and mixture reaches 310 degrees F.
3. Stir in pumpkin seeds until completely coated.
4. Spread seeds onto baking sheet and sprinkle with sea salt.

Pumpkin Nut and Berry Brittle



Ingredients:

1 cup butter
1 cup sugar
3 tablespoons water
1 tablespoon light corn syrup
1/3 cup lightly salted and roasted cashews
1/3 cup almond slivers
1/2 cup roasted pumpkin seeds
1/3 cup dried cranberries
Sea salt

Directions:

1. Line baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a medium skillet melt butter. Add sugar, water, and corn syrup. Bring to boil and cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until thermometer reaches 290 degrees F. This will take about 18 minutes. Watch carefully in the last 5 minutes to make sure it does not burn. To test doneness, take a small amount of mixture and drop into very cold water/ See if it separates into threads that are hard but not brittle. That means it is ready!
3. Pour mixture on parchment lined baking sheet. Let sit for 2 minutes.
4. Sprinkle nuts, seeds, and fruit on top.

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