

Count Dracula



Instructions

1. Print this PDF on regular printer paper (photo or heavy stock is not recommended).
2. Place the template on a clean pumpkin. Choose the flattest side of the pumpkin to apply the pattern to carve. Tape or pin your pattern onto your pumpkin (make sure the surface is dry so the tape will stick!).
3. Use a pumpkin poking tool, awl, or nail to poke small, shallow holes through the paper, following the lines of the pattern. When you apply the pattern, poke the holes about $\frac{1}{4}$ " apart. When all lines have been traced, remove pattern and save it for reference later.

HINT: If you're having trouble viewing your poked out pattern, rub a little flour, cornstarch or baby powder into the dots. The dots will turn bright white and your design will practically pop off the pumpkin!

4. Carve out the areas in black.
5. Insert your carving saw (never use a knife!) into a poked line. Begin sawing out each section. Remember, saws don't twist and pumpkins don't give! To prevent your saw from breaking, saw curved areas carefully, gently turning the saw the direction you wish to go while you continue to saw. When making curves, just slightly turn the saw. When making sharp corners, remove the saw and re-insert it at an angle. All of these patterns are very intricate so they require a steady hand and a little more attention.
6. You're done! Place a light source in and place the lid on the pumpkin!

Enjoy!



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