

GOT MY EYES ON YOU!



Instructions

1. Print this PDF on regular printer paper (photo or heavy stock is not recommended).
2. Place the template on a clean pumpkin, choosing the flattest side 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 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 white except:
 - i) the doors and windows of the houses
 - ii) RIP text on grave
 - iii) ghost eyes and mouth
 - iv) crow eyes, pumpkin eyes and mouth
 - v) pathway
5. For the exceptions scrape out only the skin. Use a pumpkin tool, grapefruit spoon, crafts knife and a rounded gouge to remove the skin and pulp about 1/4" deep. This will result in a more yellowish glow of the fire through the watery flesh of the pumpkin. The effect is nice and allows you to have three different tones (dark, light, medium).
6. 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.
7. You're done! Place a light source in and place the lid on the pumpkin!

Enjoy!



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LEVEL EXPERTS ONLY!