

DO-IT-YOURSELF



PUMPKIN CARVING

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YOU WILL NEED:

- 1 Medium pumpkin
- Printed template
- Scissors
- Carving tools
- Knife or small saw
- Scoop
- Push pins
- Newspaper
- Bowl
- Candle or LED light

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Begin by hollowing out the cavity of the pumpkin.

Prepare the area with newspaper. Then, cut a small circle around the stem, lift the top off, and place the stem aside. Using the scoop, make sure the inside of the pumpkin is properly cleaned out and placed in a bowl.

Wipe any excess material off the outside of the pumpkin.

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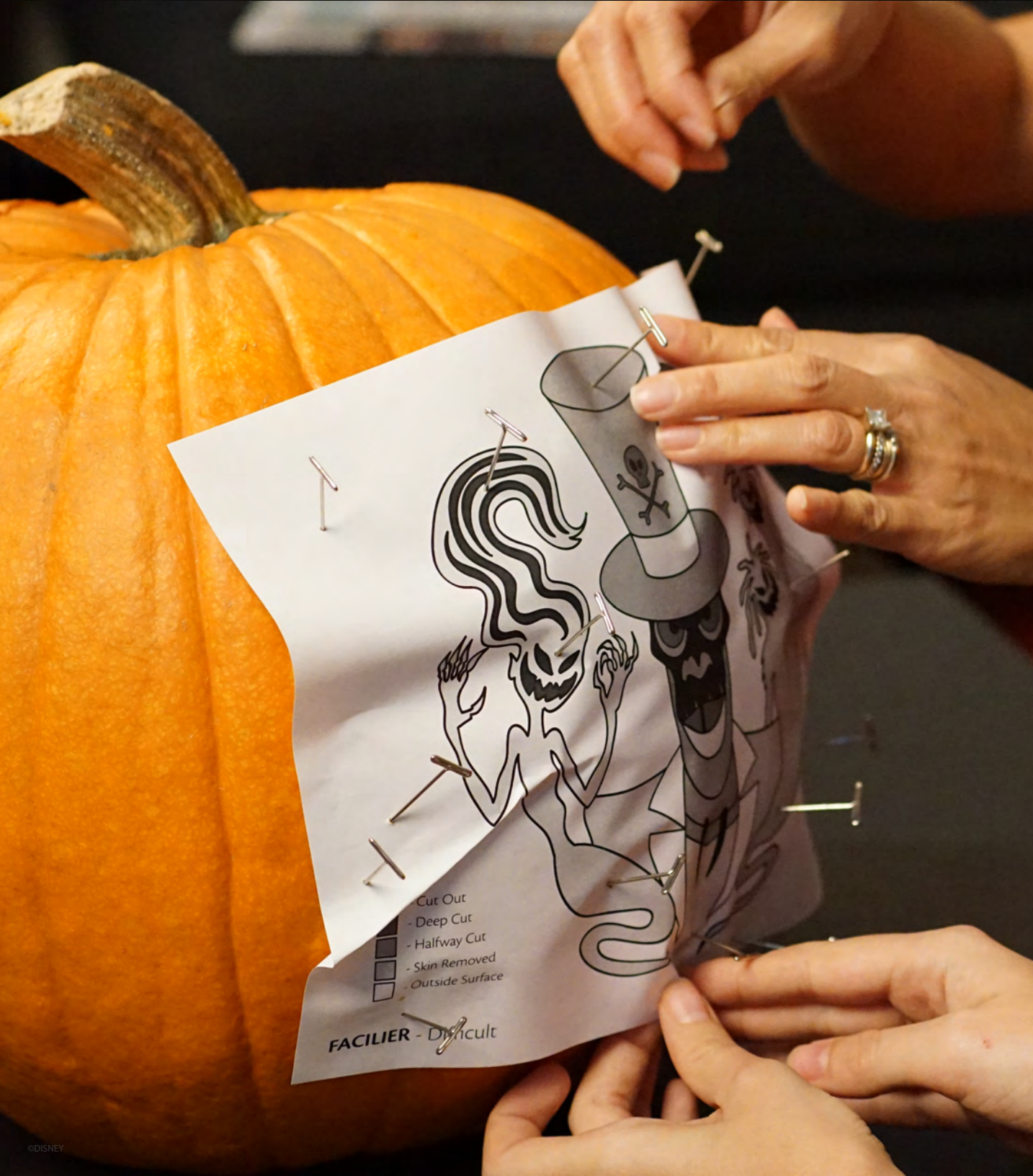


Print and pin the template over the pumpkin.

Depending on the size of your pumpkin, it may be necessary to scale down the size of the template using the Custom Scale option in the Print Dialog box.

If needed, use the scissors to trim the excess paper around the template.

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Trace the template
using a push pin.

Poke small holes through the
paper along the template lines.
To make sure the template is
clearly visible, do not space the
holes too far apart.

Remove the template after the
entire image is traced.

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Carve the pumpkin.

Following the template, begin by removing the outer layer of the pumpkin. Then using the key, carve out sections of the design beginning with the shallowest cut.

It's easier to cut out the deep, smaller details, such as the eyes, after carving out the other layers.

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Use multiple carving tools.

Experiment to find the tools that work best. Even using small tools on large areas may provide the best control when carving intricate pieces.

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Adjust the depth of your carve as needed.

Every pumpkin has a different thickness and some may require a deeper carve in order to allow the light to pass through it.

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Use a light when carving
multiple layers.

Shine a light inside the pumpkin
when making the deepest cuts.
This will help adjust how much
light shines through the layers
of the pumpkin, even out sections,
and help prevent cutting too far
into the pumpkin.

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Add the final details.

Once the carving is complete, gently wipe the surface of the pumpkin to remove any remaining pieces.

Display with a bright light or candle and place the stem.

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