

Jack O'Lantern Fun!

Creating a Jack O'Lantern is a fun and creative activity for the whole family!  Don't take chances though-no matter the method used, little ones should be supervised!

Make it educational by sharing pumpkin facts, or keep everyone laughing with a few pumpkin jokes while you work! 

Carving Your Pumpkin

-  Start by drawing or printing a paper pattern to plan your design.
-  Hold the pattern up to the pumpkin to make sure it fits just right — it's easier to redo paper than pumpkin!
-  Once you're happy, tape the pattern in place.
-  On a smooth, stable surface (and one that's easy to clean or protected), use a sharp, short knife — a small serrated blade works best.
-  Cut a 5–8 inch circle around the stem to make your lid, then scoop out the seeds and pulp.

6 Carefully carve your face or design, always cutting away from yourself for safety.

 Tip: Save those seeds — you can roast or glaze them later for a tasty snack!

Painting Your Pumpkin

Painting is a fun, less-mess alternative — and perfect for younger kids!

 Use markers, craft paints, or any safe, creative medium.

 A paper pattern still helps here, too — cut out and transfer your design right onto your pumpkin.

Get Creative!

Add a little extra personality with:

 Moss beards  Stick arms

 Shredded paper hair, bows, or hats

 Googly or beaded eyes

A quick online search can spark tons of fun ideas! Let your imagination run wild — there's no wrong way to make your Jack O'Lantern shine! ✨