

Decorative Pumpkin Carving- “Funky Pumpky People”

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Materials:

- [Walnut Hollow® #23906 Creative Versa-Tool™](#)
- Decorative Foam Pumpkins-Sizes Small, Medium and Large from your local craft store
- 2 ½” Satin Ribbon Reel
- Extra Thick Foam Sheets-Black
- Foam Sheets-Purple
- Adhesive Backed Foam Sheets-Black
- Glitter Glue Pens
- Iron-On Crystal Stones
- Metallic Acrylic Paint
- 1 Sheet Light Color Cardstock
- Other supplies: Black button thread, embroidery needle, disappearing marker pen, hot glue gun, pliers, scissors, foam paint brush, ruler, star paper punch, pen or marker

You can make Funky Pumpky People many different ways. Here are a few ideas to help with several techniques using the Creative Versa-Tool™. Pumpky People can be hot glued together or left stacked un-glued. This leaves the option for them to be displayed separately. Refer to photos for reference of the two or three stacked versions.

Instructions:

Note: Please read all of the Creative Versa-Tool™ packaging, including the safety precautions. Use pliers when changing and removing Points from the hot tool. Use these Points found in the Creative Versa-Tool™ for various techniques: Hot Knife Point – cutting pumpkin faces and designs, Shading Point – adhering iron-on crystal stones, Tapered Point – burn holes, Stamp Point, decorative designs

1. Secure Stand to a hard surface with tape. Attach Hot Knife Point on Tool. Place Tool on Stand. Plug into electric outlet and let heat for 4-5 minutes.
2. While the Tool is heating, use the disappearing marker to draw a face onto the pumpkin.

Hot Knife Point

1. Using the Creative Versa-Tool™ with Hot Knife Point attached carve the pumpkin on lines made with marker. Push the cut portion through to the inside of the pumpkin.
2. For pumpkins to be stacked, use the Hot Knife Point to cut a hole large enough for the stem of the next pumpkin to fit through
3. Use the Hot Knife Point to cut a hole large enough for fingers to fit through the head of each pumpkin figure. This hole will allow foam pieces to be inserted behind cut facial features and will be covered with the hat.

4. Cut adhesive backed foam into pieces to fit behind carved out sections of face. Place cut foam pieces through top of head with sticky side facing outward.
5. Punch stars and Hot Stamp center with The Creative Versa-Tool™ Point. Place Hot Stamped star into eye.
6. Apply glitter glue to accent cut features.

Shading Point

1. Plug in the Creative Versa-Tool™ with Shading Point attached.
2. Place stones onto pumpkin and touch with Shading Point.
3. The heat from the Shading Point will hot fix the stones to the pumpkin.
4. The stones can also be used as the center of the eye of the figure.

Hot Stamp Point

1. Plug in the Creative Versa-Tool™ with Hot Stamp Point attached.
2. Hot Stamp design onto pumpkin. Note that the Point only needs to be touched onto pumpkin to burn the design.
3. Apply metallic paint onto pumpkin and wipe off excess.
4. The paint will fill the stamped design and also fill lines of pumpkin.
5. The Hot Stamped designs can also be filled with glitter glue.
6. To create foam buttons cut a quarter size circle with Hot Knife Point. Hot Stamp design onto foam circles and paint with metallic acrylic. Hot Glue to middle pumpkin.

Tapered Point

1. Plug in the Creative Versa-Tool™ with Tapered Point attached.
2. Touch Tapered Point onto pumpkin. The longer the point is touching the pumpkin the larger the hole will become.
3. Fill holes with glitter glue. This technique is great for accenting the eyes of pumpkin.

Hats

1. Plug in the Creative Versa-Tool™ with the Hot Knife Point attached.
2. Mark a 5-6 1/2" circle onto extra thick foam sheet to use for hat brim.
3. Using Hot Knife Point cut on traced line.
4. Use Hot Knife Point to cut a 4 1/2" x 10" piece from purple foam sheet.
5. Roll cut purple sheet into a 3" wide cylinder shape. Hot glue edges together to hold in place.
6. Cut a circle same size as the top of the cylinder shape. Hot glue circle to the top of the cylinder shape.
7. Hot glue brim to bottom of cylinder shape creating a hat.
8. Remove Hot Knife Point with pliers
9. Using pliers attach a Hot Stamp Point to the Creative Versa-Tool™.
10. Hot Stamp design onto top and sides of hat brim.
11. Apply glitter glue to the seams of hat.

Hat Variation

1. Repeat above instructions for creating a hat.
2. Use the Hot Knife Point to cut a cone shape for the top of the hat. Hot Stamp design onto top of hat. Hot glue edges together.
3. Use Hot Knife Point, to cut circle for hat brim.
4. Hot Stamp design onto brim.
5. Hot glue hat to brim.
6. Hot glue hat to head of "Pumpky" figure.

Collars

1. Plug in the Creative Versa-Tool™ with the Tapered Point attached.
2. Using scissors cut one 30" length from 2 ½" satin ribbon.
3. Using the Tapered Point cut triangle points from ribbon.
4. Hand-gather ribbon 1/8" from uncut edge. Use an 18" length of button thread and embroidery needle.
5. Pull gathers and place around the neck of pumpkin figure. Knot button thread and trim excess with scissors.

Collar Variation

1. Repeat above without cutting triangle points.
2. Gather and attach collar to pumpkin figure.

Warning: The pumpkins are flammable and for decorative use only. Do not place any candle or hot object inside the pumpkins.