



Pumpkin Carving 101

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It's fun and easy to decorate foam pumpkins found in your local craft store. Using the Creative Versa-Tool™, you will have none of the mess of traditional pumpkin carving and all of the fun of trying something new. The best part is the pumpkins can be saved from year to year – add new pumpkins to your collection each year.

Materials:

- [Walnut Hollow® # 23906 Creative Versa-Tool™](#)
- Decorative Foam Pumpkins from your local craft store
- Iron-On Crystal Stones
- Metallic Acrylic Paint
- Disappearing marker pen
- Other supplies: Foam paint brush, pliers, tape. Optional – glitter glue pens, scrapbook brads, stencil.
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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, Transfer Point – stamping directly onto pumpkin, Shading Point – adhering iron-on crystal stones, Tapered Point – burn holes for insertion of brads.

Basic Pumpkin Carving

1. Secure Stand to a hard surface with tape. Attach Hot Knife Point on Tool. Place Tool on Stand. Plug into electric outlet, press switch "On"; and let heat for 4-5 minutes.
2. While the Tool is heating, use the disappearing marker to draw a face onto the pumpkin.
3. Hot cut the pumpkin on lines made with the marker. Push the cut portion through to the inside of the pumpkin.
4. Hot cut approximately 2" from around the stem portion of the pumpkin. Remove the top and take out cut portions of the face.
5. As an option, you may wish to highlight cut portions of the face with glitter glue pens in varying colors.
6. If scrapbook brads will be used, attach the Tapered Point and use to burn small holes for insertion of brads.

Using a Stencil Design

1. Place stencil (example: star design) on pumpkin and draw the shape using the disappearing marker.
2. Hot cut the pumpkin as done previously using the Hot Knife Point.

Hot Stamped Pumpkin

1. Attach the Transfer Point to the Creative Versa-Tool™ and plug in.
2. Randomly hot stamp with the Transfer Point directly onto the pumpkin creating circles.
3. Paint the hot stamped pumpkin with metallic acrylic paint using a foam brush.

Iron-On Crystal Stones

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 stone to the pumpkin.
4. The stones can also be used as the center of the eye of the figure.

When finished with the Creative Versa-Tool™, press switch "OFF", unplug and let cool.

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