



PUMPKIN CARVING KIT INSTRUCTIONS



Getting Started

- **Choose a design before you pick the pumpkin.** Having a design in mind will help you select the perfect pumpkin with the right shape and enough surface area.
- **Know the best way to use your tools.** The Dremel Pumpkin Carving Tool is not intended to cut all the way through the pumpkin, but rather should be used on the surface of a pumpkin after it has been cut open and cleaned out. Any activity that involves the use of sharp objects, including the Dremel Pumpkin Carving Tool, requires adult supervision.

Transferring Your Design

- **Use a template.** Either use a pre-drawn template or make your own. Enlarge or reduce the template on a photocopier or image editing software to fit the scale of the pumpkin. You can download templates at <http://www.firebox.com/pumpkin>
- **Cut slits around the template to ensure a smooth fit.** Cutting small slits along the perimeter of the paper will help you wrap it around the curved surface of the pumpkin.
- **Avoid traced marker lines by using spray adhesive.** Start by applying spray adhesive on the desired carving area of the pumpkin. The template should then stay in place while you carve your favourite Halloween designs.

Carving The Pumpkin

- **Don't immediately remove the top of the pumpkin.** If you plan to carve a "translucent" design that does not cut all the way through the pumpkin's surface, leave the top of the pumpkin in place. Instead, cut the opening in the back of the pumpkin to insert a candle, or an electric candle if using an artificial pumpkin.
- **Use an ice cream scoop to clean out the pumpkin.** An ice cream scoop is the ideal tool for quickly and evenly cleaning out a pumpkin.
- **Put the sharp knives aside.** Try using the Dremel Pumpkin Carving Tool. The motorized tool features a rounded-edge cutter that enables Halloween enthusiasts to etch designs into the pumpkin's surface, making it an ideal tool for carving intricate designs.
- **Cut through the outlines first.** Once the outlines are etched you can remove the template and continue to carve the design.

Making Your Jack-O'-Lantern Last Longer

- **Apply Vaseline to cut surfaces.** A thin layer of Vaseline will help seal in moisture and prevent the pumpkin from drying out.
- **Cover the jack-o'-lantern with plastic wrap and store it in the refrigerator.** Refrigerating pumpkin until you are ready to display it will help it last for several more days.