

Carving scary pumpkin faces

Exactly the right pastime for a dark autumn evening or even for your Halloween party: We'll show you how you can carve cool pumpkin faces together with your parents and make them glow.

What you need:

- the biggest possible pumpkin, ideally a Hokkaido pumpkin
- different sized sharp knives
- a tablespoon
- a pair of scissors
- a pen (i.e. an overhead or permanent marker)
- our template
- a tea candle

What you have to do:



1.

First of all let your parents cut the top off the pumpkin. It is best to hold the knife at an angle so that the tip is pointing towards the centre of the pumpkin.

Then later, when the lid has shrivelled up slightly, it won't fall inside the pumpkin because the opening is funnel-shaped.



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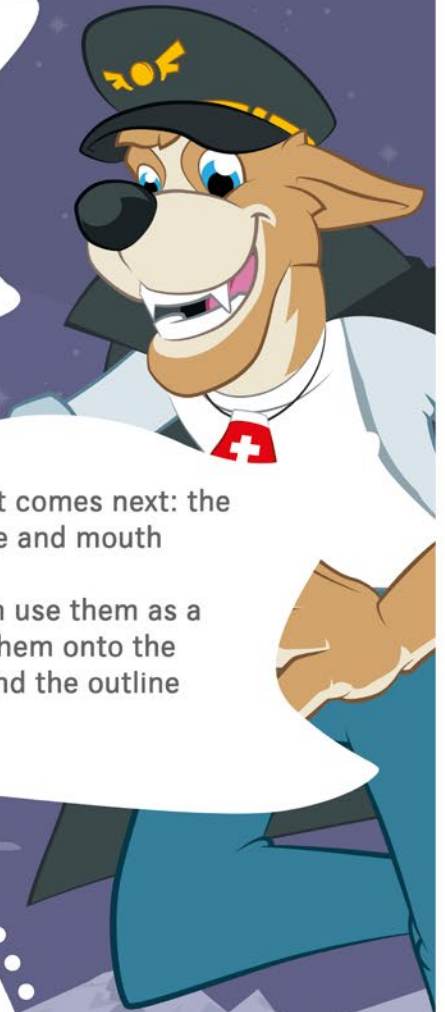
Now, it is time to hollow it out: Grab a spoon and take out the pips and fibres. Then, scrape some of the soft pulp out using the spoon. This is important so that the wall of the pumpkin isn't too thick to allow the candlelight to shine through nicely later.



By the way: You can make tasty things out of the contents! Simply roast the pips in the oven for a crunchy to-go snack. And you can make a creamy soup out of the pulp.

3.

The most important part comes next: the face! Select eyes, a nose and mouth from our template. Cut them out so you can use them as a stencil. To do so press them onto the pumpkin and draw around the outline with the pen.





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Your parents can then carve them out: Use a sharp knife to cut around the sketched outlines to form the eyes, nose and mouth.



5.

To make your pumpkin face glow now all you have to do is place a tea candle or electric candle inside the pumpkin. After your parents have lit the tea candle, place the lid back on carefully and look for a nice place for your beaming Halloween pumpkin. If you have opted for a tea candle, make sure that the pumpkin isn't left unattended.



Tip: You can conjure up totally different faces using the eyes, noses and mouths: Would you prefer your pumpkin to be funny or scary? Of course, you can also draw your own face or own samples on the pumpkin using the pen. Wishing you wonderfully spooky hours with your pumpkin faces!



