

Bills Jack-O-Lantern Template Level of Difficulty: Medium

Prepare your pumpkin by cutting a hole in the top for the lid. Scoop out the seeds and strings with a spoon.

Tape or use pins to affix the pattern to the pumpkin, making small cuts in the paper where it bunches so it lies flat on the pumpkin. Add pins or tape to hold. Trace the pattern by poking holes through the paper with a toothpick, push pin, or pumpkin poker. Make the holes about 1/8th inch apart. The black areas will be the pieces of pumpkin that are removed for light to shine through. This step can take a few extra minutes, so be patient.

Remove the paper from the pumpkin.

Cut the design with a serrated knife or saw, using the guidelines you have placed. (When making curves, just slightly turn the saw. When making sharp corners, remove the saw and re-insert it at an angle.) Be sure to have an adult help you with this step!

Once your pumpkin is all set, use a pumpkin light or candle to light up your Buffalo Bills jack-o-lantern. Remember, jack-o-lanterns are a fun way to celebrate Halloween, but you should always have an adult helping you to carve and light them!

