

SUBA-BOO!

Is your family ready to celebrate the spooky season? A pumpkin stencil can be a great way to create a standout jack-o'-lantern. Try our Subaru stencil, look for nearly limitless designs online or take a crack at drawing your own!

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Safety first! Use a pumpkin carving knife or purchase a pumpkin carving kit, sold online and found in many stores. These tools provide more control and protect precious paws.

Waste not! The gooey insides are delicious. You can roast the seeds for a tasty snack or use the pulp to bake into muffins or cookies. Or feed the earth and use it for compost.

So fresh, so clean! Wiping the pumpkin with a damp cloth prior to carving will knock off dirt and grime, ensuring a smooth carving surface.

THE NITTY-GRITTY

1. Choose a pumpkin with a side that has a flat surface. Create a lid by cutting a hole around the stem. It's best to cut roughly 2 inches away from the stem so your hand can easily fit inside. Make sure you cut on an angle toward the center of the pumpkin – otherwise, your lid could fall through!
2. Scoop out the seeds and insides. Your hands are great for an initial swoop, but after that we suggest using a long-handled spoon to catch the smaller pieces and give the pumpkin walls a good scrape.
3. Cut out the stencil using the dashed line as a guide. Tape the stencil onto the pumpkin using several pieces of tape (make sure the surface is dry!). Following the lines of the stencil, use a pumpkin poking tool, a thumbtack or an awl to poke shallow holes through the paper and into the surface of the pumpkin.
4. If carving using the relief method, or cutting only partway through the pumpkin, it's fine to carve the entire oval line surrounding the Subaru stars. However, if carving completely through the pumpkin, do not cut out the gray areas of the logo outline to keep the oval shape still attached to the pumpkin.
5. Remove the paper stencil and save if using again.
6. Using the pumpkin carving knife, carefully and slowly cut over the markings you made from the stencil. When cutting, gently turn your pumpkin carving knife in the direction you wish to go while you continue to cut, making sure your fingers and other hand are out of the way!
7. Light it up! We recommend using an LED candle to provide the glow.

