

1. Cut your hole from the bottom of the pumpkin, not the top (this helps prevent the sides from caving in later)
2. Scoop out the pumpkin guts and seeds (ewwww!)
3. Scrap the walls with a big metal spoon or the scooper from a carving kit (*you want the final walls to be about an inch thick*)
4. Wipe down the exterior of the pumpkin
5. Tape the pattern to the pumpkin on the sides and corners
6. Use a pin to make closely spaced pinpricks and outline all the black portions (make sure you pierce the paper)
7. Remove the paper
8. Carve the pattern along the pinprick lines
9. Reach into the pumpkin and gently poke the pieces from the inside out
10. Stick in a candle or a fake tea light and show off your gourd-geous jack-o'-lantern!

