



# COUNT JACK-ULA



## PUMPKIN CARVING TIPS

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## INSTRUCTIONS

**STEP 1:** Safety first: Parental supervision required. This activity involves scissors, pins, knives and candles. Always handle these items with care.

**STEP 2:** Cut the top of the pumpkin to make a lid, cutting at a slight angle towards the centre so it doesn't fall into the pumpkin.

**STEP 3:** Scoop out the gooey guts! Use a spoon or ice-cream scoop. You can even bake and eat the seeds afterwards.

**STEP 4:** Tape the pattern onto the pumpkin, making sure the paper is as tight as possible against the skin.

**STEP 5:** Using a pin or needle, punch holes through the paper stencil into the pumpkin following along the edges of the design. Once finished, remove the pattern.

**STEP 6:** Now you'll see you've created a handy connect-the-dots pattern. Use your Halloween carving knife to carve and connect the dots, cutting in a sawing motion, always keeping part of the knife inside the pumpkin.

**STEP 7:** Place a candle securely inside, light it and replace the lid. Do not leave a lit candle unattended.

**STEP 8:** Enjoy the terrifically terrified looks as trick-or-treaters come to your door!



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