HOW TO CARVE THE PERFECT JACK-O-LANTERN USING A DESIGN TEMPLATE

SUPPLIES:
- PUMPKIN
- LARGE SPOON
- TAPE OR PINS (TO AFFIX DESIGN TEMPLATE TO PUMPKIN)
- PUMPKIN POKING TOOL (OR SMALL NAIL)
- PUMPKIN CARVING KNIFE
- CANDLE (REAL OR FLAMELESS)

STEPS:

1.)   CUT A CIRCLE AROUND THE TOP OF THE PUMPKIN (AROUND THE STEM) TO CREATE A LID FOR YOUR JACK-O-LANTERN.

2.)   GENTLY PULL THE PUMPKIN STEM TO REMOVE THE PUMPKIN TOP.

3.)   SCOOP OUT THE INSIDES OF THE PUMPKIN AND SCRAPE THE SIDES WITH A SPOON SO THAT ONLY THE CLEAN, BARE SIDES OF THE PUMPKIN ARE LEFT.

4.)   TAPE OR PIN CARVING TEMPLATE TO THE SIDE OF THE PUMPKIN.

5.)   USE A PUMPKIN POKING TOOL (OR A SMALL NAIL IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE) TO MAKE SMALL HOLES OUTLINING THE SHAPES ON THE TEMPLATE. YOU ARE NOT CUTTING THESE OUT YET, JUST MAKING SMALL HOLES AS GUIDELINES FOR LATER CUTTING. NOTE: BE SURE NOT TO POKE HOLES TO CLOSELY AS TO MAKE THE TEMPLATE FALL APART OR TOO FAR APART SO THAT THE DESIGN IS NOT CLEAR ONCE YOU REMOVE THE PAPER!

6.)   REMOVE THE PAPER TEMPLATE

7.)   USE A PUMPKIN CARVING KNIFE TO SLOWLY CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINES YOU JUST CREATED. CAREFULLY REMOVE PUMPKIN PIECES TO REVEAL THE DESIGN.

8.)   PLACE A CANDLE INSIDE THE PUMPKIN TO CREATE THAT CLASSIC SPOOKY JACK-O-LANTERN LOOK.

THERE! NOW, I'LL GO GET A CANDLE, AND WE'LL SEE HOW HE LOOKS ALL LIT UP!

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