

Elisha D. Smith Public Library
Pumpkin Carving with Erin Culligan
Online video program October 15, 7:00pm

Materials

Pumpkin medium-large size. Flat base, sturdy stem, ripe (sounds hollow on the inside)

Dry-erase marker

Pencil & Pen

Stencil – See below

Spoon – spatula

Newspaper to cover working surface

Cutting tools: serrated bread knife, jab saw (used to cut drywall), or a purpose-made serrated knife taken from a pumpkin-carving set. If you prefer to use a straight-edged blade, opt for a paring knife or a fillet knife.

LED candle or regular tea light candle.

Carving with small children: Get some medium size pumpkins and permanent markers for them to decorate their own design.

Stencils Ideas

We found a variety of stencils available at

Better Homes and Gardens Magazine website:

<https://www.bhg.com/halloween/pumpkin-carving/>

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Pug Pumpkin Stencil

1. Clean out the pumpkin, scraping the flesh thinnest in the region in which you'll carve the design.

Use a photocopier to enlarge or reduce the pattern to fit the pumpkin.

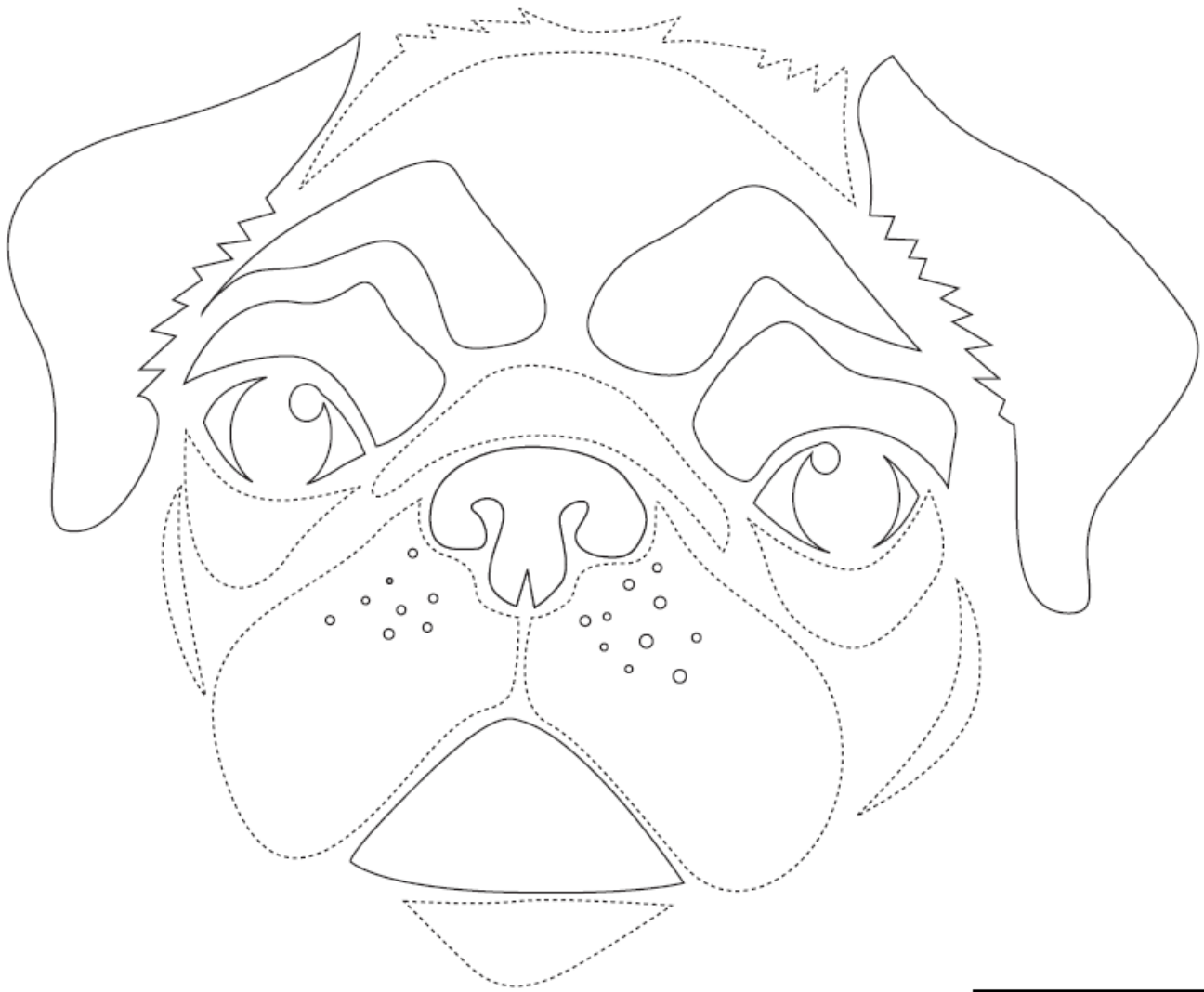
2. Attach the pattern to the pumpkin with tape.

3. Use a pin to make closely spaced pin pricks along the stencil lines, piercing the paper.

4. Use thin crafts, linoleum, or wood-cutting knives to carve the pattern. Cut completely through solid lines. Simply peel away skin within dotted lines (known as "etching") to enhance features.

You may want to etch before you carve to avoid breakage.

Stencil is on the next page



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