

AROUND THE MAKER WORKSHOP, BROUGHT TO YOU BY DREMEL

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» Make a spooky jack-o'-lantern using your Dremel Multi-Max tool.

Halloween's almost here! While I have great respect for people who take hours to lavishly carve their pumpkin masterpieces, I also have little time for carving my own. So I decided to forgo the knife and use a cordless Dremel Multi-Max oscillating tool to make quick work of Mr. O'Lantern. Follow the steps below and you too can crank out an army of chilling, thrilling Halloween pumpkins in no time.

Directions

Step 1: First operation is skull cap removal! Mark a circle around the top of your pumpkin. Affix the wood/drywall blade to your oscillating tool and then cut along the line (Figure A).

Step 2: Lift off the new pumpkin lid (use a small knife to help pry it off if necessary). Use a big spoon or ice cream scoop to remove all the stringy, seedy guts inside (Figure B).

! WARNING: Always remove the battery pack before changing blades.

Step 3: Draw a fittingly scary (or silly) pattern on your pumpkin (Figure C). You won't be able to do curves or any cuts narrower than your wood flush-cut blade. If you have a finer level of detail in mind, Dremel offers blades in the following widths: $\frac{3}{8}$ ", $\frac{3}{4}$ ", and $1\frac{1}{8}$ ".

Step 4: Switch to the flush-cut wood blade on your oscillating tool. Plunge-cut the eyes and nose along the lines (Figure D). Then pop out the pieces.

Step 5: Using the same technique as above, cut out the mouth on your pumpkin (Figure E). Pop out the mouth piece.

Step 6: Put the lid back on and admire your jack-o'-lantern (Figure F). He was so quick to carve that you can probably make him a few friends to keep in company on the porch in the same time you'd normally need to carve just one!

Tip: Don't forget to detach, rinse, well-dry, and thin-coat with oil the blades you've used to remove any pumpkin material, and to wipe any organic material off of your oscillating tool.



MATERIALS AND TOOLS

» **Dremel cordless Multi-Max oscillating tool with drywall blade, flexible scraper blade, and $\frac{3}{4}$ " flush cut blade.**

Due to the juicy contents of the pumpkin use the cordless model.

» **Pumpkin**
 » **Marker** for drawing the face
 » **Large spoon** for seed removal
 » **Small knife** for lid removal
 » **Safety goggles**



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