

# Make your own Gruffalo Pumpkin Lantern!



## You will need:

A fairly large pumpkin	A biro
An adult to help you carve your pumpkin!	A short, sharp knife
The Gruffalo template sheet	A tablespoon
Scissors	A tea light
Blu-tack	Newspaper

## Directions:

1. Cover your work surface with newspaper. Ask your adult helper to carefully cut a saucer-sized hole around the stalk of your pumpkin to make the lid.
2. Take off the lid and use the tablespoon to scoop out the seeds and the flesh inside the pumpkin.
3. Carefully cut out all the Gruffalo's features from the template sheet.
4. Position all the template pieces on your pumpkin using Blu-tack. When you are happy that everything is in the right place, draw around the Gruffalo's features with a biro. Don't worry if you make any mistakes, as you can wash biro off!
5. Some of the template pieces are shaded (the eyebrows, pupils, tongue, whiskers and the lines above and below the nose). You will not be carving these bits out completely, but just removing the outer skin of the pumpkin to make glowing orange lines.
6. Remove the paper template bits. Now you are ready to carve! Ask your adult helper to carefully carve around the lines of the eyes (making sure you don't cut out the pupils). Then carve out the nose and the mouth (making sure you don't cut out the tongue).
7. Now ask your adult to score the lines of the eyebrows, whiskers and the lines above and below the nose. When the lines have been scored, carefully peel away the outer skin, leaving the flesh in place.
8. Use the same method to remove the pumpkin skin on the pupils and tongue.
9. Now place the tea light inside the hollow pumpkin and ask your adult helper to light it. Finally, place the lid on the top of your Gruffalo lantern.

# Gruffalo Pumpkin Lantern Template

Here are the template pieces for the Gruffalo's features. You will need to carefully cut them out, position them on your pumpkin and draw around them. When you are carving the pumpkin, you will need to be really careful with the shaded bits (the pupils, tongue, eyebrows, whiskers and the line above and below the nose). You will not be cutting out these bits completely, but will just peel off the outer skin of the pumpkin here.

