## **Halloween Pumpkin (Lighted)**



**STEP 1:** The blank I am using is 3"x3"x3" Basswood. Start the Pumpkin project by preparing the blank. Measure the height of the Tea Light and drill a 1-inch hole in the center of the bottom of the blank. Recommend that the hole be at least ½ inch smaller than the diameter of the Tea Light base. This will be enlarged later to fit the base of the light.

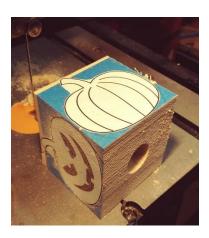
**NOTE:** Refer to pictures of pumpkins to review the different shapes a pumpkin can take during growth. Also note the colors.

**STEP 2:** Cut out the blank. After cutting out the two sides of the face view, put the sides back together and flip to the side view and remove the two sides. Be careful not to break the Pumpkin stem.















**STEP 3:** Round the blank using a method you are comfortable with. This can be carved or sanded. I cut off the corners to aid in the rounding. While rounding the blank, decide the shape of the pumpkin you desire to make.



**STEP 4:** Carefully carve the stem to a more natural look. Slightly indent the area around the base of the stem using a ball cutter.



**STEP 5:** Using a pencil, draw straight lines from the stem to the base. Vary the width of the segment lines slightly.



**STEP 6:** Insert a Stop Cut down the middle of each line. Using a V-Gouge, carve a groove following the pencil lines.



**STEP 7:** Using a knife of your choice, widen the groove slightly. The Stop Cut makes removing the waste wood easier. Sand the groove to round the edges of each segment.



**STEP 8:** With a pencil, draw your desired pumpkin face. This will act as a guide as you hollow out the inside of the pumpkin.



**STEP 9:** Using a ball burr tipped bit, round out the inside of the pumpkin. Round the front (inside face side) to about 1/8 inch. Use your fingers to gauge that approximate thickness. The back side can be thicker since the face will not be cut out on that side.



**STEP 10:** Mark the base on the bottom of the pumpkin. Carefully enlarge the opening with a cylinder burr tipped bit until the light base fits into the opening snugly.



**STEP 11:** Using a sharp knife, carefully cut out the pumpkin face of your choice.



**STEP 12:** Insert the Tea Light and turn it on. Review your design and make any adjustments as needed.

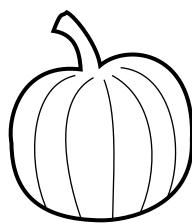


**STEP 13:** Paint the pumpkin. Refer to pictures of pumpkins to decide the colors to be used.

Paint Used: Delta Creamcoat -

Pumpkin Orange Autumn Brown Lemon Yellow Olive Green





Resize as needed for your project.

Decide what the Pumpkin face will look like. Use a suggested design below or design one for yourself.











