

Maple Leaf Stencil

1. Clean out the pumpkin. Use a photocopier to enlarge or reduce the pattern to fit the pumpkin.
2. Attach the pattern to the pumpkin with tape.
3. Transfer the pattern by using a pin to make closely spaced pin pricks along the stencil lines, piercing the paper. If you prefer, you can use a small crafts knife to cut along the stencil lines. Remove the pattern when you're done.
4. Use thin crafts, linoleum or woodworking 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.

