# Tall Pumpkin Face Templates

## Map out and carve flawlessly proportioned elongated displays.

Print your pre-scaled templates at full size and tape them to your stabilized axis. Transfer the design using a basic poking tool to eliminate stressful guesswork.



### Vertical proportion guides

**4 in**
Solid forehead below lid cut

**2 in**
Intact structural base at bottom

**2.5 in**
Ideal height for top row

**3.0 in**
Ideal height for middle row

**2.0 in**
Ideal height for bottom row

**1.0-1.5 in**
Minimum base width per tooth

**0.5 in**
Vertical gap between tooth rows

*Prevent blade snapping*

*Use a serrated keyhole saw to smoothly follow deep rib contours from top to bottom. Sinking your blade into thinner membrane valleys requires far less force.*

### Mapping the elongated face

1. **Find vertical center axis** Pin baker's twine at the stem with a metal washer plumb bob; trace the straight line.
2. **Align cuts with ribs** Use the pumpkin's natural vertical grooves as outer guides for the tall eyes for cleaner results.
3. **Stack jagged teeth** Structure the mouth in distinct tiers to safely remove large sections of the heavy rind.
4. **Drop mouth to base** Push the jawline downward to maximize the stretched appearance while keeping the structural floor intact.

## Choose your styling mood

Find your row: **Pumpkin or lighting choice**

| Pumpkin or lighting choice | Your pick | Why |
|---|---|---|
| **Traditional warm lighting** | Classic Jack-o'-Lantern | Lets elongated face stand out naturally |
| **Matte black painted exterior** | Spooky gothic silhouette | High-contrast silhouette against glowing cuts |
| **Tall white pumpkin** | Whimsical woodland face | Creates an ethereal, woodland-inspired display |
| **Cool white LEDs** | Modern geometric carving | Gives sharp stacked teeth modern edge |
| **Tall green heirloom** | Toothy grin display | Makes oversized layers look more unique |

## Check before you carve

- ○ Verify the upper quadrant is completely free of decorative surface scoring.
- ○ Locate the lowest edge of your planned lid cut for measuring.
- ○ Identify a solid upper zone to hide heavy hanging hardware insertion.
- ○ Check that the lowest carved edge sits above the solid bottom boundary.

## Carving notes and sketches

Enjoy casting those incredible, intimidating shadows across your autumn porch steps!