Cannibal Pumpkin Carving Guide

Templates and structural tricks for a hilarious porch display.

Download the exact face templates and grab your specialized tools. Follow this structural guide to securely anchor a panicked mini pumpkin inside a larger one.



Key Display Elements

3 wooden pins
Hidden toothpick pins for anchoring

≥ 0.5 in base
Shaved rind for teeth thickness

100% scale
For asymmetrical eye cuts template

1 thick marker
Permanent marker face drawing tool

2 puck lights
Safe LED light inside cavity

1 in smaller
Mouth opening vs mini pumpkin

Preserve the Exposed Flesh
Coat the shaved 3D teeth with a dime-sized amount of petroleum jelly every two days to lock in moisture and prevent shriveling in the autumn air.

Carving the Cannibal Pumpkin

1. **Hollow the Core** Scrape seeds and thin the front wall behind the planned mouth until slightly flexible.
2. **Cut and Peel** Saw asymmetrical eyes, then score and peel the rind around the mouth to expose lighter flesh.
3. **Sculpt the Teeth** Carve exposed flesh into square teeth and clean the edges with a damp cotton swab.
4. **Anchor the Victim** Tilt the marked mini pumpkin upward and press it firmly into the hidden toothpicks.

Target Wall Thickness

Find your row: **Pumpkin wall location**

Pumpkin wall location	Your pick	Why
Front Face	1 inch thick	Easier penetration for detailed shaving
Back Wall	1.5 inches thick	Maintains structural integrity
Bottom Base	2 inches thick	Provides a sturdy, flat foundation

Pre-Carving Checks

- ○ Measure the mini pumpkin's widest point to size the mouth opening.
- ○ Ensure your printer is set to exactly 100 percent scale.
- ○ Select a miniature white pumpkin with a smooth, unblemished surface.
- ○ Verify your display spot is shaded and out of direct sunlight.

Carving & Styling Toolkit

- ☐ Serrated pumpkin saw and flat scraper
- ☐ Clay ribbon tool or linoleum cutter
- ☐ Sturdy metal scoop for dense pulp
- ☐ Washable marker and permanent marker
- ☐ Silica gel packets for moisture control
- ☐ Petroleum jelly and cotton swabs

My Pumpkin Notes

Enjoy the hilarious reactions your unique cannibal pumpkin will bring to the porch!