



carving pumpkins *Adorn blackened pumpkins with cat or jack-o'-lantern motifs.* ① Make a 4-inch round hole in the bottom of your pumpkin with a carving saw; scrape out flesh. ② Place pumpkin on newspaper in a well-ventilated area. Wrap masking tape around stem, and coat pumpkin with black floral spray. Let dry for 30 minutes; remove tape. ③ On a photocopier, enlarge desired template to fit your pumpkin, and cut outside the perimeter. Tape to pumpkin (above left). ④ Use needle tool to outline the shape with close-set holes. Cut out design with saw. (If necessary, touch up pumpkin with floral spray.) ⑤ Place battery-powered light inside. For a muted glow (above center), affix a sheet of waxed paper behind the cutout with straight pins before adding the light source.

- **TOOLS AND MATERIALS**
- pumpkins
- miniature carving saw
- plaster scraper
- masking tape
- black floral spray
- battery-powered light
- needle tool or awl
- waxed paper
- straight pins

mouse silhouettes *Stick these unsavory critters on stair risers, baseboards, or any spot where they might give unsuspecting passersby a little jump.* ① Enlarge templates 350 to 400 percent on a photocopier. ② Trace the shapes onto black construction paper, and cut out. ③ Mount as desired with masking tape.

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- **TOOLS AND MATERIALS**
- black construction paper
- scissors
- masking tape

