



#SkillsAtHome Spooktacular Pumpkin Carving/Painting Contest



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Prizes

Winners will be awarded prizes for the following categories:

Design Category #1—Best Skilled Trade/Technology Themed

Winner (Age Group 3-8) — \$25 Amazon e-gift card
Winner (Age Group 9-13) — \$25 Amazon e-gift card
Winner (Age Group 14-19) — \$25 Amazon e-gift card

Design Category #2—Scariest Pumpkin Carving/Painting

Winner (Age Group 3-8) — \$25 Amazon e-gift card
Winner (Age Group 9-13) — \$25 Amazon e-gift card
Winner (Age Group 14-19) — \$25 Amazon e-gift card

Design Category #3—Funniest Pumpkin Carving/Painting

Winner (Age Group 3-8) — \$25 Amazon e-gift card
Winner (Age Group 9-13) — \$25 Amazon e-gift card
Winner (Age Group 14-19) — \$25 Amazon e-gift card

Design Category #4—Most Creative Pumpkin Carving/Painting

Winner (Age Group 3-8) — \$25 Amazon e-gift card
Winner (Age Group 9-13) — \$25 Amazon e-gift card
Winner (Age Group 14-19) — \$25 Amazon e-gift card

How to Enter—Participants will need to:

- Design a pumpkin based on the categories above. (See our website for skilled trade related templates!).
- Carve or paint a pumpkin with the design (see below for further instructions for each technique).
- Take a photo of your completed pumpkin and post to **Twitter**. Be sure to tag **@SkillsOntario** and include the hashtags **#SkillsAtHome** AND **#SpooktacularPumpkin** to qualify! Remember to include your age in your post as we will award a prize in each age category!

Pumpkin carving Tips:

- Cut the top off the pumpkin and clean out the insides, place in bowl.
- Tape the stencil to the pumpkin (making sure pumpkin is dry) or draw your own design.
- Poke holes into pumpkin through stencil with toothpick to create a guide on the pumpkin, then peel off the stencil.
- Rub flour onto the pumpkin to fill the holes to better see the image.
- Carve out design.
- Light up with candle.

Pumpkin Painting Tips:

- Tape the stencil to the pumpkin (making sure pumpkin is dry) or draw your own design.
- Poke holes into pumpkin through stencil with toothpick to create a guide on the pumpkin, then peel off the stencil.
- Rub flour onto the pumpkin to fill the holes to better see the image.
- Paint design.

Equipment/Materials:

- Pumpkin
- Large Bowl
- Large Spoon/pumpkin scoop
- Knife/pumpkin carving tools
- Tape
- Stencil or your own design

- Marker/Pen
- Toothpicks
- Flour
- Candle & match/lighter
- Painting supplies (brushes, paint, water)
- Device with internet access for posting your creation to Twitter!

Health & Safety — Always get parent permission/supervision when using sharp objects, matches/lighter/candles.

Skills: Planning and Design, Creativity, Organization, Fine-Motor, eye for detail, precision

Related Skilled Trade/Technology Careers: Graphic Design, Culinary Arts, Painter & Decorator

[Click here for a full list of all recognized Ontario skilled trades](#)

