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How to Take Pumpkin Carving to Next Level

Nothing Screams Halloween more than an amazingly carved pumpkin. Picking pumpkins is fun—but learning how to carve a pumpkin and turn these orange gourds into works of art is next-level. Whether you're using pumpkin carving stencils or going free-hand, knowing how to carve a pumpkin is key to a gripping Halloween display.

Here are some tools that are useful:

- Ice cream scoop
- Filet knife
- Paring knife
- "Loop" tools (used in pottery sculpting)
- Lemon zester
- Vegetable peeler
- Crazy Glue
- Kitchen scrubbing pad



CARVING THE PUMPKIN

Cut a hole in the back

Cut a square or diamond-shaped opening in the back of the pumpkin, large enough to accommodate a hand and wrist (to scoop out the insides), and remove. Don't damage the removed pumpkin panel—you'll put that back when you're done. While the classic move is to cut a hole around the stem, this structurally weakens the pumpkin and causes it to degrade quicker.

Do a design dry-run

Sketch your pumpkin design on paper, then draw it onto your pumpkin using a dry erase marker, washable colored marker, or grease pencil, all of which wipe away more easily than a pen or Sharpie. For elaborate designs, use transfer paper to recreate your design directly on the pumpkin. If you're using a pumpkin carving stencil, tape the print-out directly over the pumpkin and carve through the paper.

Let the Carving Begin!

Instead of cutting through the entire pumpkin to make those traditional eye, nose and mouth holes, peel through the orange skin and use the softer "flesh" as your sculpting clay. You can use a plastic kitchen scouring pad to add texture and to scuff or smooth the surface. Thicker flesh gives you more freedom to play with depth and contours. Don't be afraid to add teeth or glue-on horns or ears you can sculpt from discarded pieces or a donor pumpkin.

Preserve your pumpkin

Spray your pumpkin inside and out with a bathroom cleaner containing bleach. Let it evaporate for at least five minutes. This trick keeps the pumpkin from rotting too quickly and protects it from hungry squirrels and other animals.

HAUNTED HOUSES IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

GEORGETOWN MORGUE

THURSDAYS - SUNDAYS

September 20 - November 2

The Georgetown Morgue of Seattle is a facility for tragic stories of death. The morgue has a history of thousands of funeral preparations, cremations, and the processing of animal carcasses. The morgue holds what is considered to be the most horrifying unsolved crime in Seattle history. Nine of their staff were forced into the crematorium chamber. There were no surviving witnesses, nor were suspects ever identified. Go take a tour!

www.seattlehaunts.com

NILE NIGHTMARES

FRIDAYS - SUNDAYS

October 4 - November 2

Six haunted attractions included for one price of admission. Located in Mountlake Terrace at Nile Golf Course on weekend evenings 7-11pm. There are multiple themed areas to get your scare on tilt.

www.nilenightmares.com

NIGHTMARE ON 9

FRIDAYS - SUNDAYS

October 1 - October 31

The Snohomish Slaughter & Rendering Plant was built in 1935 by the Thomas brothers, Sam and Dean. It was closed in 1975 when one of the brothers was tragically torn in half by one of the meat grinders. There is still speculation as to whether Sam tripped or was shoved to his gruesome death. What was left of his upper body was never found. Take a tour this Fall, if you dare.

www.thomasfamilyfarm.com

FRIGHTHOUSE STATION THE PIERCE COUNTY ASYLUM HAUNTED HOUSE

THURSDAYS - SUNDAYS

September 27 - November 2

The asylum and haunted house are a must-do for Halloween. Tacoma's Ultimate Haunted House in the dark underground where spirits walk, where light fades and hopes dwindle.

www.tacomahaunts.com

October Events

Oct 2 - 6 Jazz Festival

Hear top national and regional jazz musicians at the Bellevue Jazz & Blues Music Series. Some events are free. The many venues include Meydenbauer Center, 11100 NE 6th St. in Bellevue.

Visit www.bellevuedowntown.com/jazz-and-blues-music-series.

Oct 4 - 5 Great Pumpkin Beer Fest

Enjoy 80 pumpkin beers, music, a costume contest, and food trucks for age 21+, which features a giant beer-filled pumpkin at Seattle Center, 305 Harrison St. in Seattle. Wear orange.

Visit www.theveraproject.org/greatpumpkin for details.

Oct 5 - 6 Issaquah Salmon Days

Celebrate the annual return of salmon to the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery with an open house at the hatchery, a parade (Sat. 10 a.m.), arts and crafts, a food court, a salmon BBQ, a kids' obstacle course, performing dogs, and entertainment. Free.

Visit www.issaquahchamber.com/salmondays for details.

Oct 24 - 27 Tacoma Holiday Gift Show

42nd Annual way to get your holiday shopping off to a fast start. Over 400 vendors in the Tacoma Dome with many handmade and specialty items.

Visit www.holidaygiftshows.com for details.

What to Do in a Washington Hit and Run Pedestrian Accident

What's a Driver's Duty to Stop at a Pedestrian Accident in Washington?

Under RCW §46.152.020, drivers who cause an accident that results in another person suffering an injury or being killed must stop at the crash scene. This law applies to motorists striking a car, bicycle, motorcycle, or pedestrian. They're also required to take these actions:

- Provide their name, address, insurance company, insurance policy number, and vehicle number to the injured party or law enforcement.
- Present their driver's license to any victim of the collision or to law enforcement.
- Remain on the scene and assist anyone who is injured, such as calling 911 for an ambulance or taking the victim to the emergency room.

CRUCIAL STEPS TO TAKE AFTER A PEDESTRIAN HIT AND RUN ACCIDENT

The driver could have fled the scene for many reasons. They may have been afraid of getting another ticket, having their driver's license suspended, or increasing their insurance premiums. They could also have known they would be arrested if they were driving when drunk or had a warrant out for their arrest. Whatever the reason, it's not right—and it's illegal to cause a hit and run accident in our state.

The steps you take immediately after the accident significantly impact your ability to

get the damages you're entitled to for your injuries. Your actions help our pedestrian accident legal team locate the driver and determine the cause of your accident. Here are our recommendations:

- **Remain at the scene.** Don't try to follow the driver. You should move to a safe place on the side of the road if you can and stay onsite.



- **Contact the police.** Call law enforcement and emergency medical personnel immediately. Provide the officer with as many details as possible about the accident and the vehicle that struck you, such as its make, model, color, and license plate number if you remember them. This information could help them locate the driver. Then, order a copy of the police report within the next few days.

- **Take photos.** Capture the scene, including weather and road conditions, skid marks, nearby business or traffic cameras, and anything else that could help our attorney

find the driver. Also, photograph your injuries.

- **Obtain witness information.** Ask for contact details for any eyewitnesses to your pedestrian accident. They can corroborate how the event occurred and may have information that helps our legal team identify the hit and run driver.

- **Take care of your health.** Even if you don't believe you were hurt or think you can tough it out, definitely get medical care within 72 hours of the accident. This step is vital to protect your health and avoid disputes with the negligent motorist's insurance company when we file your claim.

- **Notify your auto insurance company.** Call your carrier to inform them of your accident. You may be required to do this under your policy and protect your right to compensation with them if you need it.

Finally, contact our legal team at Max Meyers Law immediately after your accident. We work tirelessly to conduct a proper investigation to locate the hit and run motorist, and once found, fight with their insurance company for the settlement you deserve.

We can also file a claim under your uninsured or underinsured or personal injury protection insurance coverages if you purchased them and they're applicable in your situation so you won't have the added burden of financial stress to cover your medical expenses while the case progresses.

Shelly's RECIPE CORNER

Pumpkin Delight

Ingredients:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ½ cup butter, softened
- ¾ cup chopped pecans
- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 3 cups whipped topping, divided
- 2½ cups milk
- 3 (3.4- ounce) packages white chocolate (or vanilla) instant pudding mix
- 1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin puree
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin spice

Directions:

Layer 1

Mix flour, butter, and ½ cup pecans. Press into a greased 9×9 pan. Bake for 15 minutes at 350°F, then remove and let cool. NOTE: If you are using a 9×13 pan, or would like a thicker crust, add an additional ½ cup flour, ¼ cup butter, and ¼ cup chopped pecans.

Layer 2

Blend cream cheese and powdered sugar, add 1 cup of the whipped topping, then spread over cooled crust.

Layer 3

Mix milk, pudding mix, canned pumpkin, pumpkin spice, and 1 cup whipped topping until smooth. Spread over top of layer 2.

Layer 4

Spread remaining 1 cup of whipped topping and sprinkle with pecans. Let chill for 3 hours or until set.

Serve chilled.

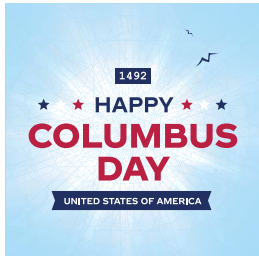


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