

Crafts 'n Snacks

A Monthly Series from Keepsake Curriculum

October

Craft: Pumpkin Glue Resist Project

Snack: Pumpkin Bread

Story Ideas:

"How Big Could Your Pumpkin Grow?" by Wendell Minor

"The Roll-Away Pumpkin" by Junia Wonders

"Too Many Pumpkins" by Linda White

"Pumpkin Jack" by Will Hubbell

Pumpkin Glue Resist Project

This pumpkin project uses glue in a fun way...resisting the color after it dries. So cool!

Materials:

Template printouts

Black construction paper

Glue

Pencil

Scissors

Oil pastels - orange, brown, maybe yellow (or crayons)



Instructions:

1. Print the pumpkin template, cut out, and trace onto black construction paper.
2. Use the pencil to draw a line underneath the stem; draw 2 center lines, starting from the bottom points and curving into the stem at the top; add one more curved line on the left side (middle) and another on the right.

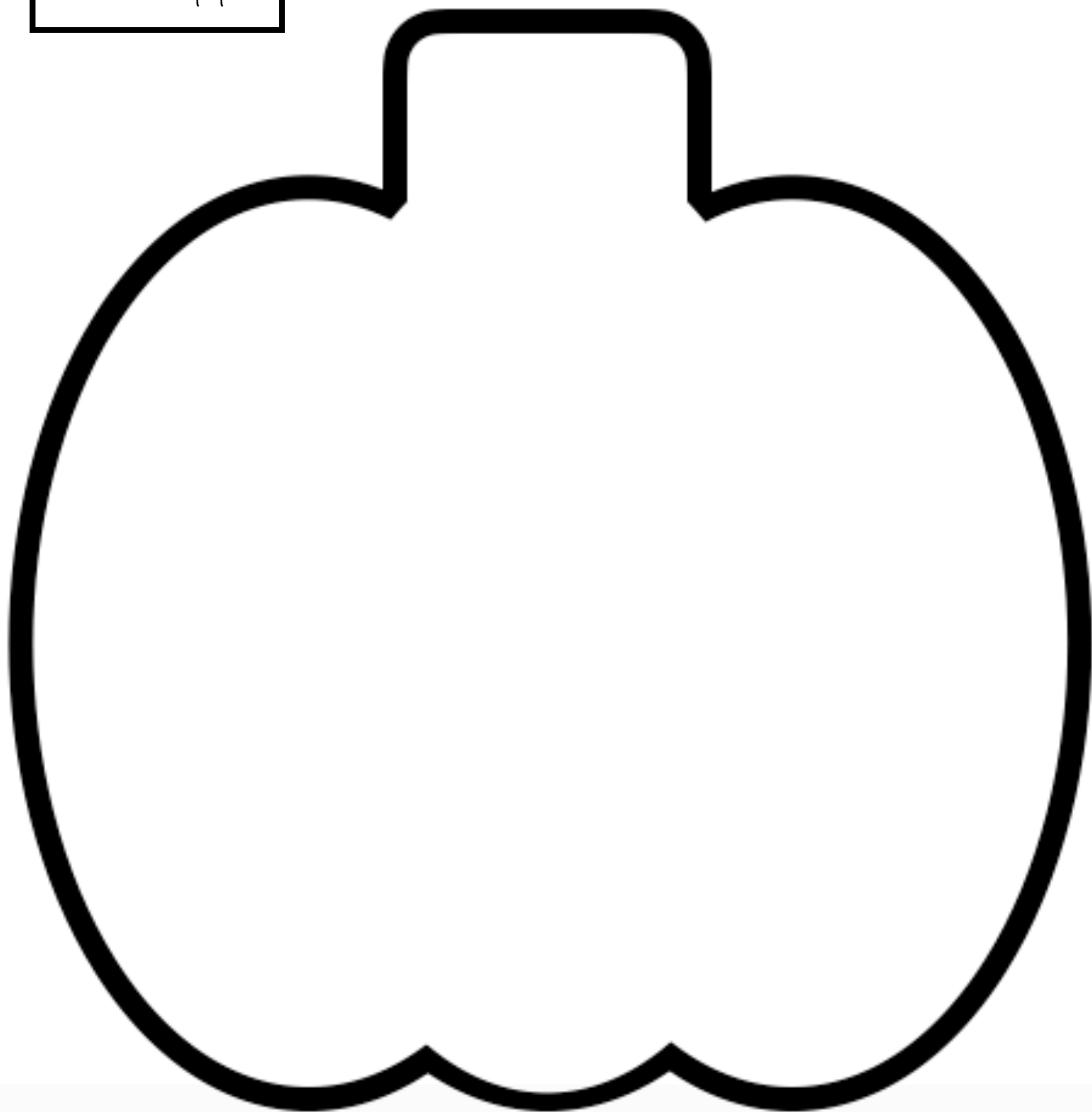


3. Use the glue bottle to trace over the lines, leaving the pumpkin outlined in glue.
4. Allow to dry.

5. Once dry, take oil pastels or crayons and color in the pumpkin!



Print and trace onto
black 9x12
construction paper



Pumpkin Bread

Ingredients:

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
1 tsp baking soda
2 tsp baking powder
2 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp ground cloves, optional
1/2 tsp nutmeg, optional
1/2 tsp sea salt
3 large eggs, room temperature
1 cup olive or vegetable oil
15 oz pumpkin puree

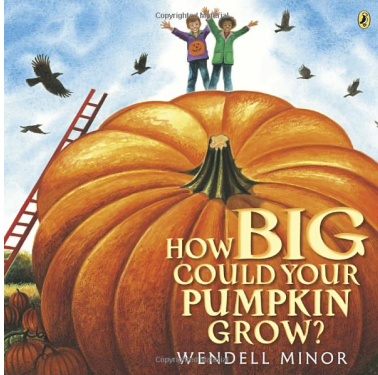
Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter and dust two 8x4 loaf pans with flour.
2. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together dry ingredients: flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, and salt.
3. In another mixing bowl, whisk together wet ingredients: eggs, oil, and pumpkin.
4. Pour wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and mix until smooth. Divide between the two bread pans and bake for 45-55 minutes, or until toothpick comes out clean.
5. Cool for 10-15 minutes in pans.

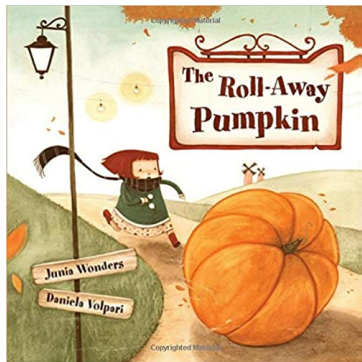
***This recipe was found at natashaskitchen.com

Fall Read-Alouds for Kids

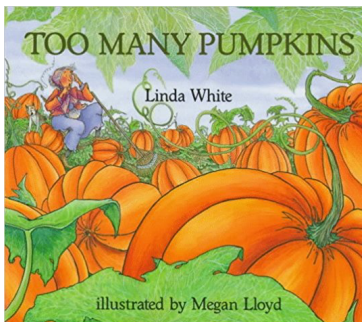
***Note to Parents: These books are merely suggestions. Keepsake Curriculum does not endorse or review them.
Research as necessary before reading with your children***



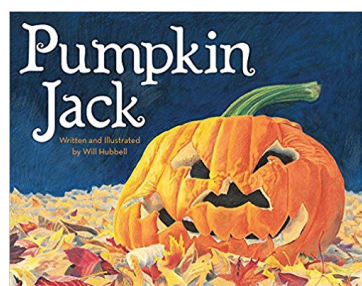
"How Big Could Your Pumpkin Grow?" by Wendell Minor - Every year, giant pumpkin contests take place at fairs across the country—the 2012 record-holder weighed over a ton! The latest craze is to carve the most enormous pumpkins into racing boats. But what's next? Why not think really big? Award-winning artist Wendell Minor does just that as he imagines larger-than-life pumpkins decorating some of America's favorite places—as immense as the Capitol dome, Mount Rushmore, the Brooklyn Bridge, even the Grand Canyon! This celebration of famous landmarks and landscapes plays with concepts of size and scale and is full of fun facts. (Amazon description)



"The Roll-Away Pumpkin" by Junia Wonders - A little girl chases her **giant pumpkin** all over town with some help along the way. Featuring a cast of **delightful** characters with **big** expressions and **beautifully** illustrated with **memorable** scenes, you'll love reciting "Diddle-dee-doo! Oh, what shall I do?" together with your little pumpkin. (Amazon description)



"Too Many Pumpkins" by Linda White - When a giant pumpkin falls off a truck and lands with a splat in the yard of old Rebecca Estelle, she decides to simply bury the mess. You will not believe what happens the following fall! (Amazon description)



"Pumpkin Jack" by Will Hubbell - An interesting story following the decay of a pumpkin. Tim carves his first pumpkin, named Jack. When Halloween passes, Tim decides to watch it change in the garden. (Amazon description)