



Spooktacular

Virtual Halloween 2020

CRAFT TUTORIALS

PAPER-MACHE PUMPKINS

MATERIALS

Plastic bags - Recommend shopping sags or 13 gal, tall kitchen trash bags

Masking tape

Scissors

Newspaper or scrap paper

Elmer's glue

Bowl

Water

Acrylic paint or spray paint - Orange (Red & Yellow), Brown, Green, White

PROCESS

Step 1: Ball up some newspaper/scrap paper and fill the kitchen trash bag up. You could also use other plastic bags

Step 2: Fold the excess bag over and tape it closed. Split the filled bag into 6 sections and run a tape line around the pumpkin for each divide.

Step 3: Wrap a second layer on the tape divides, make sure to pull it tight. This will create the deep dips that are on the pumpkin. You can build up sections as needed to shape your pumpkin at this stage.

Step 4: To make a stem for your pumpkin, twist a piece of paper into a stem shape and then wrap it in tape. Next position the stem on the top of the pumpkin and tape to secure the stem to the pumpkin.

Step 5: Cut newspaper or scrap paper into strips. In a bowl mix 2 parts glue to 1 part water to make the paper-mache mixture. Dip strips of paper into the mixture and squeeze off excess mix by running the strip through your fingers. Wrap pumpkin with strips and let dry. (It will be easiest to let the top dry, then flip to do the bottom.) Add as many layers as you like, using each layer to smooth and shape. (We did two.)

Step 6: When the final paper-mache layer dries smooth by sanding or trimming any edges of paper. Then paint as desired. You can do realistic orange, white, yellow, and green treatments, or any design you can imagine!

Step 7: When the paint is dry, spray paint (outdoors) with a clear semi-gloss or gloss sealer for a shiny finish.