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## How to Carve a Jack O' Lantern

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Carving pumpkins into jack o' lanterns has been a favorite Halloween tradition for many years. It is believed the tradition started with the Celts long ago. They would carve out turnips to make lanterns. Pumpkins proved easier to carve than turnips and a tradition was born. Follow the steps below to create the perfect jack o' lantern.

First, decide what kind of design you want to carve on your pumpkin. This will help you choose a pumpkin that works with your plans. Next, pick a pumpkin that will work best with your design. Now you will need to gather all of your pumpkin carving supplies.



Now it is time to cut a lid for the pumpkin. Cut a rough circle around the stem of the pumpkin. Make sure to cut the top at a slant so the lid has an edge to rest on. After you remove the lid you can start taking the seeds and pulp out of