

Halloween Special: Out of the Ordinary Pumpkins!

Halloween is probably my favorite holiday. Nights and mornings are cooler making it easier to slumber. Light winds blow colorful leaves across the ground making a distinct, rustling sound. Kids get to dress up and act like their favorite character, hero, monster, or princess. Candy, candy, candy. Haunted houses. Pumpkin latte, muffin, and donuts. Yeah, I like Halloween.

It's also one of the easiest times of the year to get involved in activities with our children. They are eager to do things with their parents. In a world, where kids would rather be on YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, watching cartoons, texting, etc. it's getting increasingly difficult to get them participating in family time, for long periods of time.

One of the easiest activities to pull everyone together is pumpkin carving. The wrong way to go about it is to cut two holes for eyes, a triangle for a nose, and a jagged opening for a mouth! That's so unhip! Uncool! Unrad! Who can update their status with a plain pumpkin? When your kids see these pumpkins, they will WANT to update their statuses with the whole family creating them.

So here are some creative ideas on how to think outside the box. None are incredibly difficult, and while they may not come out exactly like the images, they can come very close! None require you to print out a template, a template which never seems to look remotely the same. You don't have to be a Da Vinci.

Some are creepy, some are funny, some are gross. Some are mature and NOT for kids. All are fun to make! Some I have done over the years, others I have come across from friends, family

and strangers on the internet. At a bare minimum they will get the creative juices flowing and anyone who visits your house Trick or Treating will be in for an extra treat! If you have done some of these, please share your tips. If you have an idea that is not here, please share those too! These images are not the property of by NBG unless noted otherwise.



Bullying Pumpkins

These pumpkins are cruel, ill-mannered bullies. Simply carve a pumpkin-like normal, but make the mouth lopsided and larger on one side. Now you have something to do with all those little pumpkins that accumulate besides making them a holiday knick-knack!



Zombie Pumkins

Who doesn't love Zombies!? Simply take an old pair of pants and socks, and borrow a show. Voila! Zombie attack pumpkin.



Princess Carriage Pumpkin

Not all pumpkins have to be creepy! This one makes use of all those gourds that seem to gather. You can use the windows and

door from a doll house or toys, or simply carve them out.



Zombie Snowman

This one combines Christmas with Halloween. People will really get a kick out of this one!



Witch Pumpkin

This one is fast and easy to make. Instead of the traditional way of carving the face on an upright pumpkin, turn it on its side and use the stem as a nasty nose like this one from ExtremePumpkins.com!



Blown Out Brains Pumpkin

This pumpkin was brutally murdered or committed suicide. This is also one of the quicker, faster pumpkins.



Preggers Pumpkin

This one will require a bit of work, but will certainly delight many.



Honey Bear Pumpkin

This is another that will require some work, but will pay dividends in smiles!



Hungover Pumpkins

Too much candy or too much booze? These guys are lightweights and have puked everywhere!



Flashing Couple

This rude and lewd couple is flashing everyone. Pervs!



Full Moon Flasher

Who knew there was more than one moon out on Halloween?!



Decorated With Candy

This one takes advantage of all that extra candy or let the kids have the fun of eating their pumpkins when Hallow's Eve ends!



Miner Pumpkin

Don't have a heck of a lot of time? Carve the pumpkin or use a magic marker. Slap a hardhat and some boots and you're done. Want to make him less friendly? Combine him with one of the above pumpkins. Make him vomit or put an ax in his head.
