

Halloween Jack-O-Lantern

Plytanium® Plywood



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Materials List

- One (1)—Georgia-Pacific Plytanium® BC Plywood Panel, $\frac{19}{32}$ " thickness (makes two (2)—4' pumpkins)
- Jigsaw, sabre saw or similar power tool with plywood-cutting blade
- Transfer paper or carbon paper (at craft store)
- Large paper or grid paper
- Sandpaper or electric sander
- 3' strip of lumber or plywood, approximately 2" wide x $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick
- Four (4) 2" corrosion resistant screws
- Primer
- Orange, black, and brown acrylic paint
- Brushes: $\frac{1}{2}$ " and $1\frac{1}{2}$ " for solid areas, $\frac{1}{2}$ " flat brush for outlining
- 2" x 2" x 4' (actual $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ ") stake

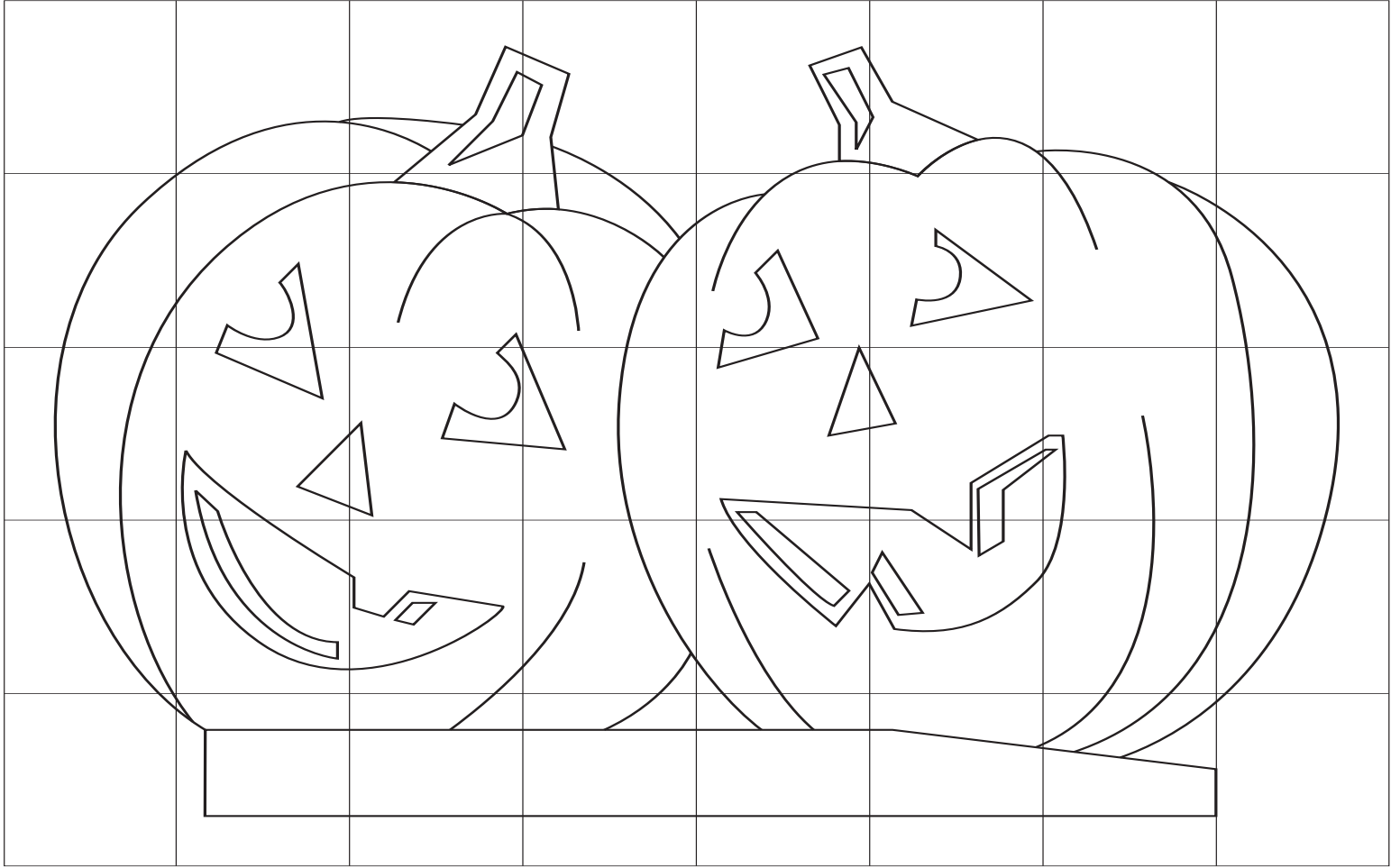
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Carve up some fun with these great-looking jack-o-lanterns! GP Yard Figures are simple to create. This decorated pumpkin is designed to be rewarding for a beginning carpenter, while more experienced carpenters will also enjoy this family project.

Directions

1. Select a 4' x 8' sheet of GP Plytanium BC Plywood; we recommend a $\frac{19}{32}$ " thickness for sturdiness and durability.
2. Enlarge the pattern to the actual size by redrawing on large paper or grid paper. Or, take this pattern to a copy service and ask for a 6x enlargement.
3. Transfer the pattern onto the plywood. Use pushpins or tape to fasten the full-sized pattern onto the plywood. Insert carbon paper or transfer paper under the pattern and trace the pattern with a ballpoint pen or carpenter's pencil. An outline of the pumpkins will be created on the wood.
4. Use a jigsaw with a plywood-cutting blade to cut the shape from the plywood. Support the pieces on sawhorses for easier cutting. Sand the edges with sandpaper or an electric sander.
5. To display the figure in an upright position, you'll need a stake cut to 4 feet in length. Center the strip on the reverse side of the cutout at a point 2' from the base so that it extends 2' below the base and attach with four (4)—2" wood screws. You'll be able to anchor the figure firmly into the ground, using a hammer if necessary.
6. Choose your favorite colors of water-based latex paint to decorate your pumpkins and protect the plywood material. Apply several coats of primer, then paint the pumpkins. Be creative with your jack-o-lantern's expressions! Be sure to paint the edges to prevent moisture from penetrating the plywood.
7. After the paint dries thoroughly, your pumpkins are ready to display and enjoy! When your yard decoration is not in use, you'll want to store it in a dry, protected location for next season.

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