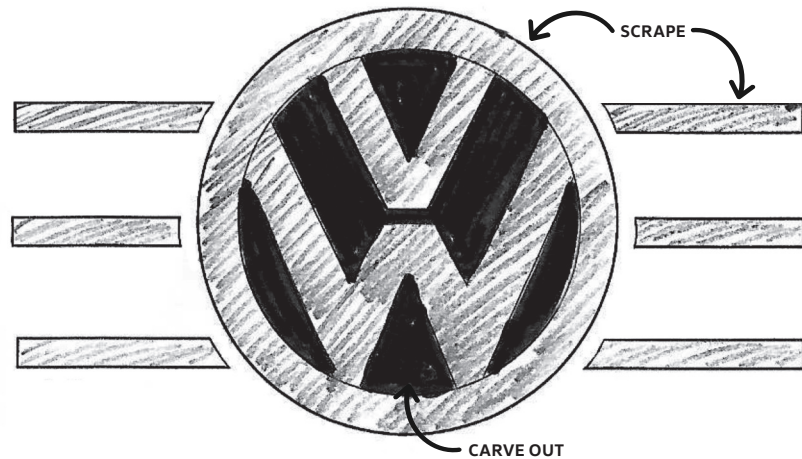


HOW TO CARVE THE VW GRILL PUMPKIN



MATERIALS

- Real or faux pumpkin
- Tape
- Washable marker, pins, or awl
- Sharp knife
- Pumpkin-scraper tool or metal spoon
- Craft utility knife
- Small carving tool such as a pumpkin-carving tool, a linoleum-carving tool (for a real pumpkin), a small sanding tool (for a fake pumpkin), or a wood-carving tool

STEPS

1. Cut a hole in the top or bottom of the pumpkin and clean out the inside, scraping the flesh thoroughly.
2. Using the print size commands or a copier, size the stencil based on the size of the pumpkin. Print and transfer the stencil to the pumpkin. You can do this in one of two ways:
 - a. Cut out the stencil pieces and tape them to the pumpkin. Trace around the stencil pieces using a washable marker.
 - b. Tape the entire stencil sheet to the pumpkin. Use a pin or awl to poke through the stencil at the edges, tracing the lines where you will need to cut or carve.
3. Using a sharp knife or a pumpkin-carving tool, cut through, front to back, on the 5 "inside" pieces in the VW logo (these are indicated by the black areas in the stencil, *see diagram to the left*). Do not pop the pieces out—leaving them in place keeps the pumpkin stronger while you continue carving and scraping.
4. Using a craft utility knife, carefully trace the edges of the circle sections of the logo and the outlines of the horizontal grille section. Do not cut all the way through; simply cut through the surface. These are the sections in which you will scrape off the outer edge of the pumpkin to create depth and shadow. Using a craft utility knife to outline the scraped areas helps keep the area from splintering.
5. If using a real pumpkin, use a linoleum- or pumpkin-carving tool to "scrape" the outer skin of the pumpkin inside the lines you just cut. (These are indicated by the gray areas on the stencil, *see diagram to the left*). If using a fake pumpkin, use both a craft utility knife and small sanding tool to carefully scrape away the outer layer of the traced areas.
6. Remove the previously carved-out carved pieces; place a battery-operated candle inside the pumpkin.

