



Jack-o-lantern Origami

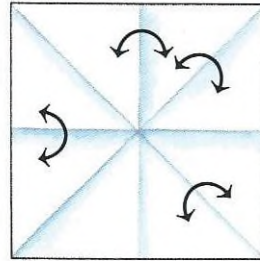
This origami design starts with a basic form (shown in blue but use an orange piece of paper) which is then folded into a jack-o-lantern.

Materials

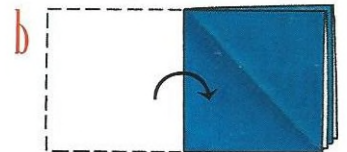
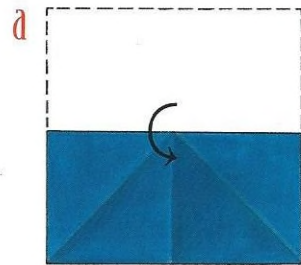
A square, orange piece of origami paper
Black marker or pencil
Green pipe cleaner

Directions to make the starting form

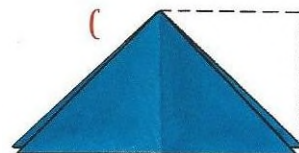
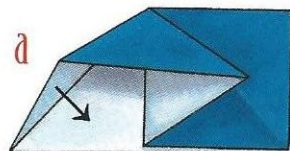
1. To make the basic form, place your orange square piece of paper, color side down. Fold your paper in half side to side. Unfold then fold the top edge down to align with the bottom edge. Unfold. Now fold it diagonally both ways. Reopen it.



2. Fold the paper in half to make a rectangle. Then fold it in half again to make a small square. Lay the square flat on your table with the open ends facing down to the right.

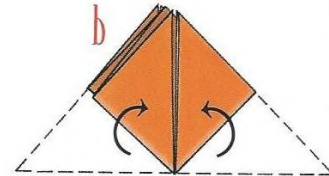
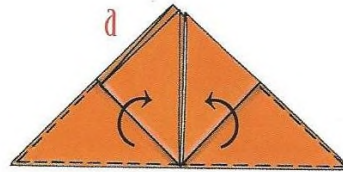


3. Now hold the top flap up straight and poke your finger inside until it reaches the very tip. Carefully squash the flap down to form a triangle. Now turn the form over and repeat this step on the other side. You've now completed the starting form.

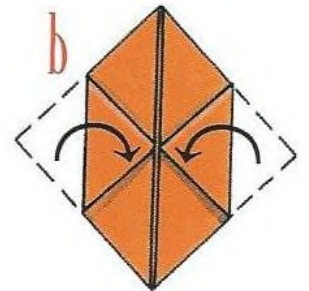
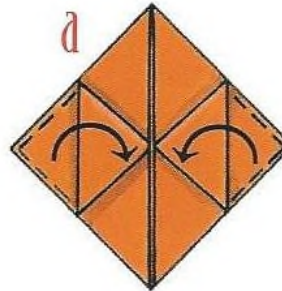


Directions to turn the basic form into a Jack-o-lantern

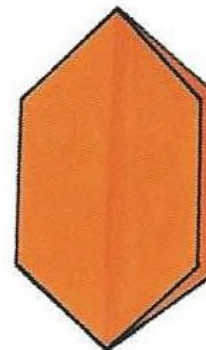
1. Continuing with the same orange piece of paper, fold the left and right flaps up to the top center point, then turn the form over and repeat.



2. Fold the front left and right points to the center line. Turn the form over and repeat.



3. Set your origami in front of you with the loose flaps at the top. Take the two front flaps only and tuck them into the center triangles. To do this, open the triangle pockets with your fingers and slip the tips in. Then turn your form over and repeat on the other side.



4. Pick up the right flap and close it as though you were turning the pages of a book. The plain side of



the form should now be showing.
Turn the form over and repeat.

5. With the hole at the top, draw a face on your pumpkin. You can draw one on the back, too, if you like.



6. Find the tiny hole at the top of your form. Blow into it and your pumpkin will puff up. Gently push on the square edges with your finger to round out the form.



7. Place a piece of pipe cleaner in the hole to make a stem.



Note: If you put the face on the form keeping the hole at the bottom, you can use your Jack-o-lantern as a pencil topper. Just slip the eraser end of your pencil into the hole.