



Trick Your Pumpkin – Candy Bowl Pumpkin by Debra Maerz

Supplies: (purchased at Michaels)

Craft Pumpkin – make sure it is hollow inside
 ModPodge – I like to use the Matte Finish
 Yellow craft tissue paper
 Medium round wood base
 Saw kit for pumpkin carving or a serrated knife

Folk Art Paints: Pure Black, Pure Orange
 Black & Orange Construction Paper
 Chalk
 Green Paper twist
 Spool of black cord
 Martha Stewart Letter Punch Set



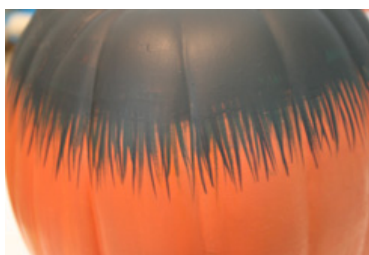
To begin make an even line around the top of the pumpkin to separate the lid from the bowl. Cut along the line. Tear the yellow tissue paper into small pieces and adhere to the inside of the pumpkin with the ModPodge about an inch from the top of the pumpkin.

Paint the exterior of the pumpkin with Mod Podge. Let it dry. Paint the exterior with Pure Orange.



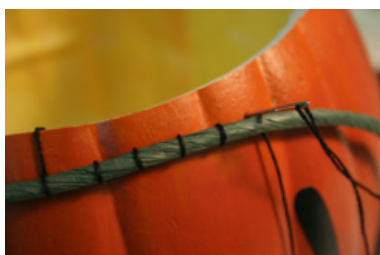
Measure and mark a ½" down from the rim of the pumpkin and then ½" apart to mark where you will punch holes through the pumpkin as shown. I used a Dremel tool drill and then used an ice pick to make the holes larger.

If you don't want as many rows of paper twist only measure down approximately a ¼", same for the lid.



With Black, paint the bottom of the pumpkin and with a liner brush and then paint the blades of grass.

Trace the patterns for the cats. For the cats I used Bristol board and painted it black, but you could use black construction that is first painted with Mod Podge and trace the pattern on and cut the cats out. The cat's eyes are painted Yellow. Also at this time paint the wood base black.

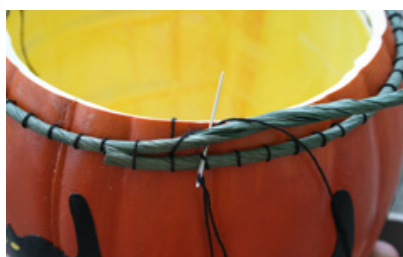
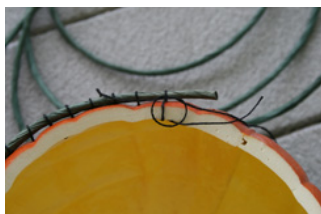


Measure about 6 – 9 feet of cord and tie an overhand knot through the first hole. Thread the needle with the other end. Lay the paper twist on the pumpkin and begin stitching the paper twist to the pumpkin. You will come out through the hole on top of the paper twist and go back in through the same hole under the paper twist. To add more cord make a loop and tie the new cord to the old one.

Add the fall picks in the last row of coiling. For the second row stitch through cord as shown. Use the same technique for the lid.

This stitching technique is taught by Betsy Sloan

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The lid is done the same way and again, if you would like to have less paper twist make the hole closer to the edge of the lid.

Decoupage the cats to the pumpkin so they look like they are in the grass evenly spacing them around the pumpkin. Once adhered to the pumpkin seal with another coat of Mod Podge. Cut out 12 bats and six strands of invisible thread approximately eight inches long. Take two bats, paint with Mod Podge, place the invisible thread on one and adhere one to the other with the thread glued in-between. Make sure you leave enough thread to tie to the fall picks. Put aside to dry.

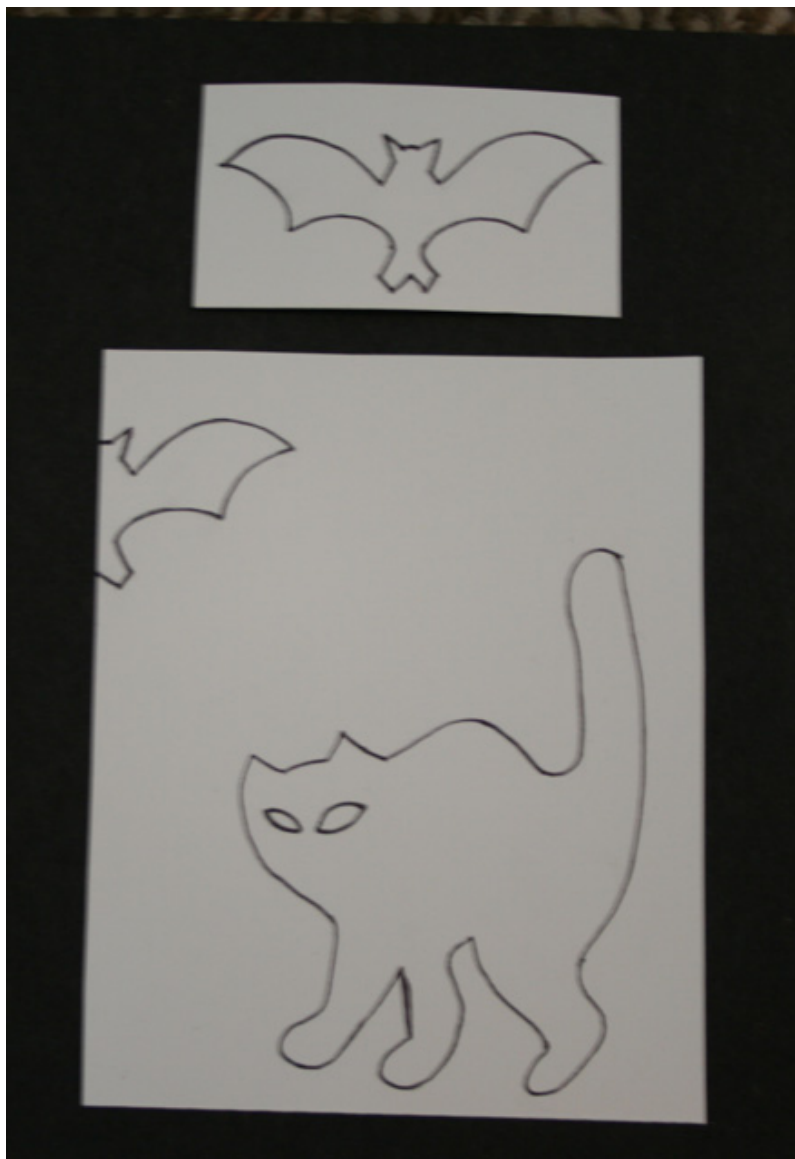


Paint both sides of a piece of orange construction paper with Mod Podge. After it is dry using the Martha Stewart Letter punches, punch the letters for the saying you would like on the black base, I used Happy Halloween and Boo. Adhere to the base with Mod Podge and seal over it again.



To complete the pumpkin, I decided to paint the interior of the pumpkin black. I glued the pumpkin to the base, added some "bling", tied the bats to the fall picks & they look like they are "flying" around the cats.

Fill your pumpkin with "treats"!



Paint one side of the black construction paper with Mod Podge. Let it dry. On the side that is NOT painted with Mod Podge, trace the cats and the bats. Cut them out and Mod Podge that side and adhere the cats to the pumpkin. After all the cats are on the pumpkin coat with a final application of Mod Podge.

If you have a questions please leave a question in the comment section

Happy Halloween!