



# Vampire Gourds

## What's in the kit?

- 1 gourd
- 1 set of vampire teeth
- 2 red push pins (wrapped in blue tape)

## You will also need

- Knife (a pumpkin carving knife works well!)
- Marker or pen
- Something to protect the surface you are working on (paper, plastic, etc.)

## Getting started

Protect your work surface and clothing (gourd guts are messy – just like pumpkins). Wash and dry your gourd and get ready to carve!

## Instructions

- Decide where you want the mouth/vampire teeth to go
- Pinch the vampire teeth closed and hold them up backwards next to the gourd (as if they are going to bite into the gourd)
- Trace around the teeth with a marker or pen so you know where to cut
- Carefully cut around the area you traced with the knife
- Remove the piece(s) you cut out
- Remove the gourd's seeds/guts (save to grow your own gourds, or season/bake them!)
- Wash and dry your gourd/hands if they are messy
- Insert vampire teeth (if they don't fit after your first cuts, you can remove additional flesh from the gourd)
- Carefully unwrap pins and insert them where you want the eyes to be

## Tips

- Carve your gourd on a stable surface (don't hold it in your hand while cutting it)
- You can cut chunks out of the mouth area once you have cut around it (it doesn't have to come out in one piece)
- Add a cape! (Sorry, not included!) Or paint on a fabulous vampire hairdo!

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