**BooK PumPKIN Decoration**

Make your home more Fall festive with some old books!

**Instructions:**

**Materials:** • Old book (350-550 pages) • cardboard • X-Acto Knife / Box Cutter / Sharp Scissors • pencil and eraser • marker or paint • sturdy stick from outside • hot glue gun • Pumpkin Template • Glue Stick. **Optional:** yarn/ribbon or other fun decorations.

## SetUp Station!

1. If using an X-Acto Knife or Box Cutter lay piece of cardboard on table to protect its surface.
2. Plug in hot glue gun. Then, be sure to place a scrap piece of paper under the tip of the gun to prevent glue from landing on the table.
3. Place trash can near work area.

## Make It!

1. Remove cover from book.
2. Cut out paper template. (If using X-Acto Knife or Box Cutter, trace template on to a piece of cardboard, cut out and use as a guide when cutting pages.)
3. Open book and place it face down on table.
4. Trace template on front and back pages of book.
5. Cut all the pages along outline until whole book is the shape of a pumpkin.
6. **OPTIONAL STEP:** With book closed, paint or color with marker the edge of the pages. (ex. Orange marker)
7. Flip book face down, and place hot glue along the spine. Add couple inches of the stick on glue at top of book with rest of stick out of book. Then wrap the book around the stick with the first and back pages touching. Hold tight for about 30 seconds to 1 minute. You may have to add more glue to the spine.
8. Next, use the glue stick to glue together the front and back pages of the book.
9. Finally, feel free to tie ribbon or attach another fun decoration to the top of your pumpkin.

## Tip!

1. Make sure your book spine will wrap around the circumference of the stick, before gluing stick.
2. Have stick at top of pumpkin so that to decoration sits well on tables.

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Book Pumpkin Template

