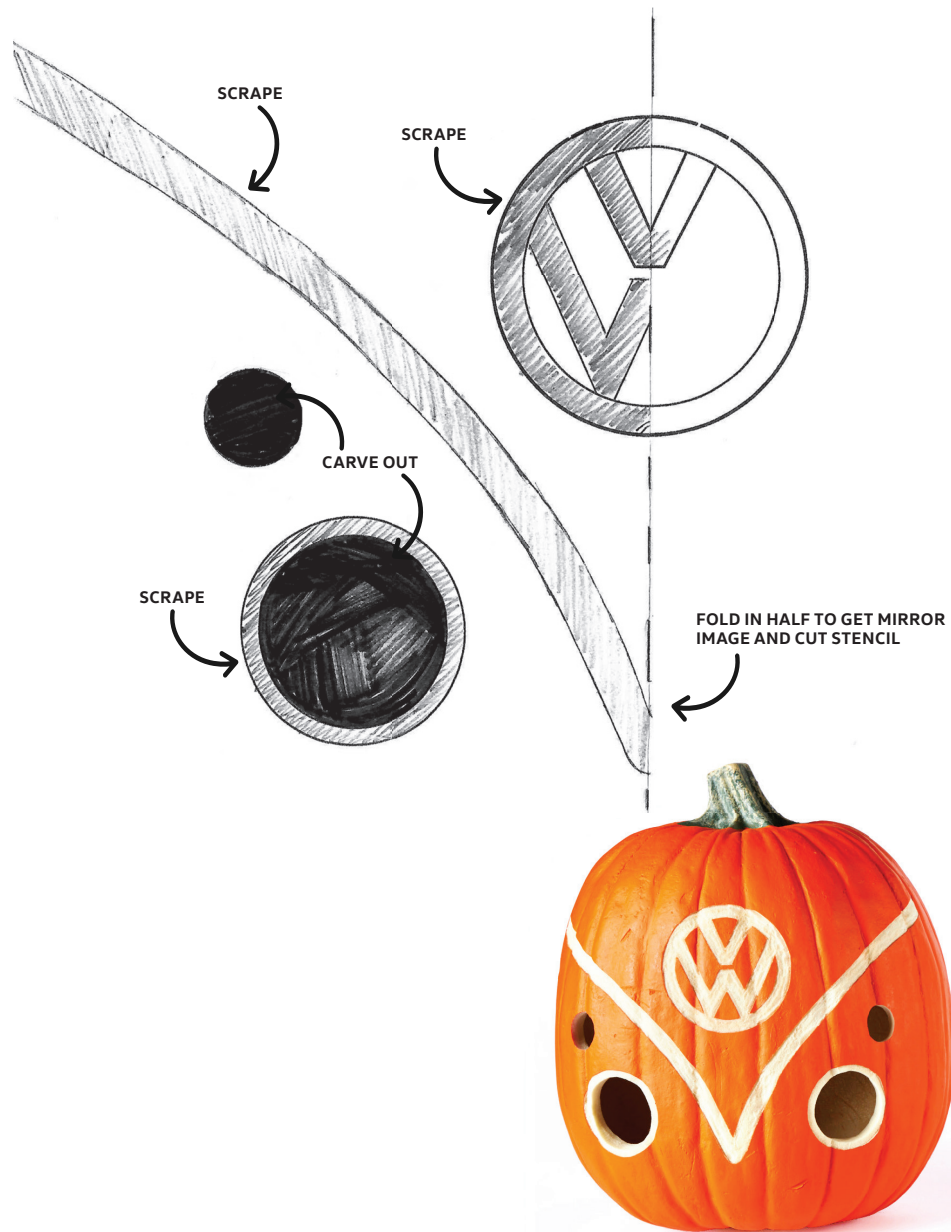


HOW TO CARVE THE VW VAN-INSPIRED PUMPKIN

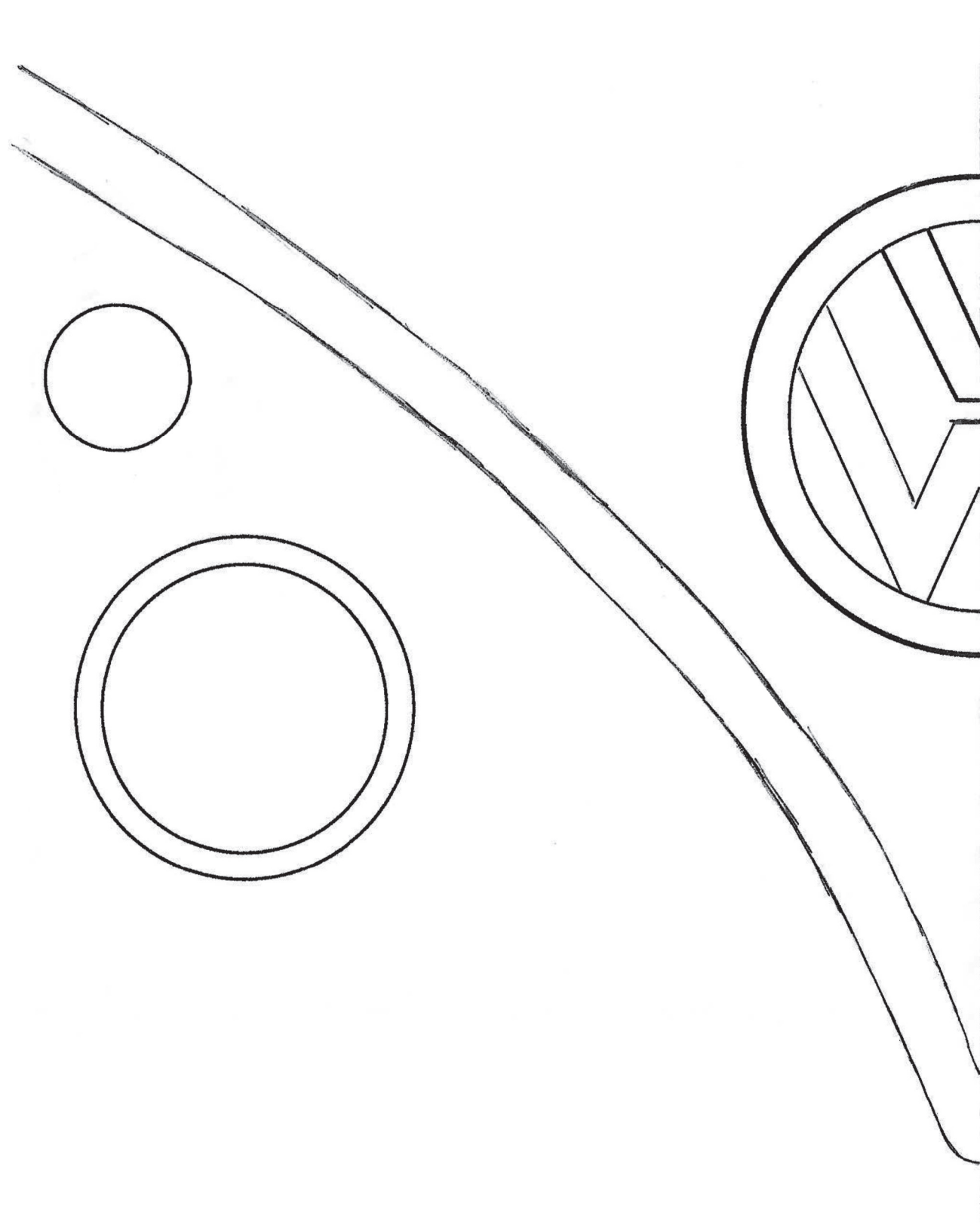


MATERIALS

- 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), or a small sanding tool (for a fake pumpkin)

STEPS

1. Cut a hole in the top or bottom of the pumpkin and clean out the inside, scraping the flesh thoroughly.
2. To make the full stencil, tape the two pages together at the dotted line.
3. 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.
4. Using a sharp knife or a pumpkin-carving tool, cut through, front to back, on the 4 "lights" in the VW Van (these are indicated by the black areas in the stencil—two small and two large circles, *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.
5. Using a craft utility knife, carefully trace the edges of the rest of the stencil, including the logo, the large front V, and the exterior headlight circle. 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.
6. 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 a small sanding tool to carefully scrape away the outer layer of the traced areas.
7. Remove the previously carved-out carved pieces; place a battery-operated candle inside the pumpkin.



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