

October Celebrations: A Digital Activity Guide

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Welcome to October Celebrations!

Let's have a skele-ton of fun completing the activities and games in this guide as we learn about Halloween celebrations practiced around the world.

Did you know these creepy or strange facts?

Test yourself with this true or false game to see what you really know.

- T or F** Blue whale tongues can weigh as much as an elephant.
- T or F** In 2016 clown masks at Halloween were banned.
- T or F** Traditionally, wearing a mask at Halloween was for protection.
- T or F** Halloween on Sundays can't be celebrated.
- T or F** In Missouri, you can only Trick-or-Treat if you are under the age of 14 with adult supervision.

1. True 2. False 3. True 4. False 5. False

Activity #1

Samhain: An ancient Celtic festival that begins on the evening of October 31st. This celebration marks the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter or the "dark half" of the year. Celebrated in Ireland and Scotland with bonfires, storytelling, feasting, costumes and offerings to appease the wandering spirits.

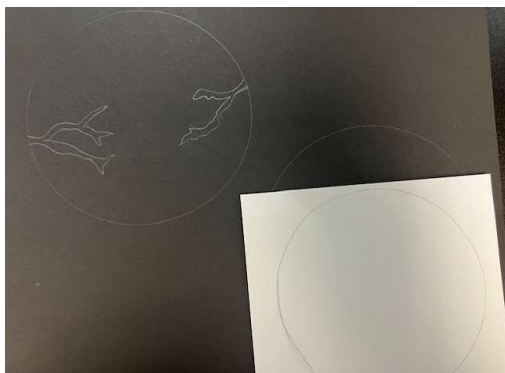
Bat Tissue Paper Sign Craft

Materials

- Black/White Cardstock
- Gold Glitter Fun Foam
- Glue
- Scissors
- String
- Pencil



Step 1



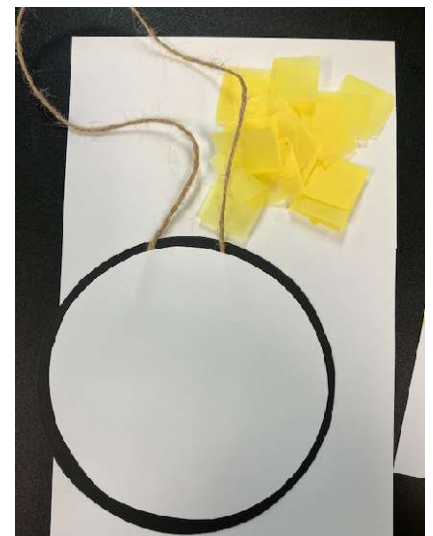
Trace two small circles on the black card stock and one small circle on the white card stock. One of the black circles will be the base and the other will be an outline.

Step 2



Cut out the circles and draw 2 bats and 2 branches.

Step 3



Glue the string (in a loop form) on the top of the black circle. Glue the white circle on top of the black circle and string.

Step 4



Cover the white circle with tissue paper to create a sky and background scene.

Step 5



Glue on the bats, branches, and a moon using the fun foam for the moon.

Activity #2

All Saints' Day: Celebrated on November 1st, the western church remembers and honors the saints that made it to heaven with traditions of attending special mass, decorating graves, lighting candles and learning about the lives of the saints.



Personalized Candle for remembrance

Materials

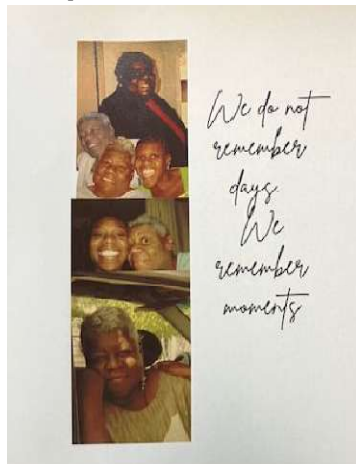
- Candle
- Printed Image
- Scissors
- Packing tape
- Cup/bowl of water

Step 1



Grab a candle without labels

Step 2



Print out a colored image

Step 3



Cover the image with a strip of packing tape. Cut the image out. The packing tape is still on top of the image

Step 4



Soak the image in water for 10 minutes. The soaking may take longer depending on the thickness of the paper.

Step 5



Use your thumbs to rub off the back of the image.

Step 6



When the image is dry, stick it onto the candle for your personalization.

Activity #3

Halloween: Did you know that Halloween originated from Samhain and All Saint's Day? Halloween is a blend of both celebrations that have evolved into a modern, secular festivities on October 31st. A unique opportunity to acknowledge the creepier aspects of life, harmless fun, costumes, trick-or-treating, and parties.

***Halloween name** came from Scottish phrase All-Hallow's Eve, which means "the eve of All Saints' Day" or "the eve of All Hallows"

Monster Rice Kripie Treats



Materials

Monster Base:

- 6 cups Rice Krispies Cereal
- 4 cups mini marshmallows
- 3 tablespoons of butter
- Food color
- Non-stick cooking spray
- Frying pan

Decorating

- Candy eyes
- Decorating gel
- Sprinkles (optional)

Step 1



Melt 3 tablespoons of butter on medium to low heat.

Step 2



Add the marshmallows to the melted butter. Add 2-3 droplets of food coloring.

Step 3



Continue to stir until the marshmallows melt down.

Step 4



Pour the Rice Krispies into the marshmallow mixture and stir until the rice Krispies become the color of the marshmallow mixture.

Step 5



Lay the rice Krispie mixture flat on a pan and put in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.

Step 6



Cut the rice Krispie treats into rectangles and have fun decorating!

Activity #4

Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead): Two special days, November 1st and 2nd, to honor and celebrate deceased loved ones, believing their spirits return to visit. Day of the Dead emphasizes that death is a natural part of life and a time to celebrate memories and honor family. Both days are celebrated with colorful altars known as "ofrendas", favorite foods, flowers, photos of the deceased, parades, music, dancing, and treats like sugar skulls.

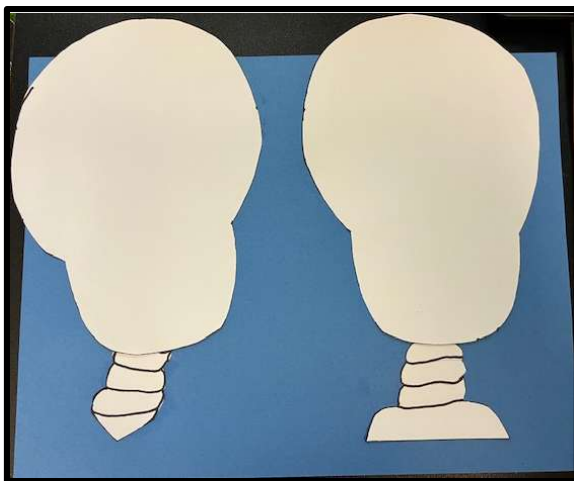
Sugar skull paper collage

Materials

- Cardstock/construction papers
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pencil

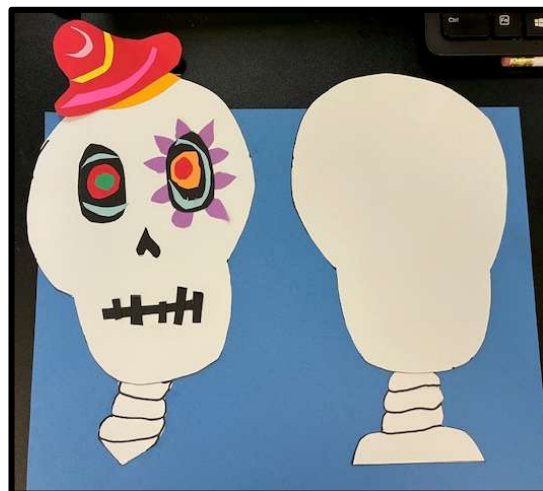


Step 1



Use white cardstock to create the skeletal outline

Step 2



Let your imagination run wild with the colored cardstock, scissors and glue...start decorating!

Step 3



Step 4



Activity #5

Pumpkin Festival: An annual event, in October, that marks the arrival of fall with visiting pumpkin patches, seasonal treats, serving the community, and cozy spirits of the fall. This celebration is a great way to offer thanks for bountiful crops.

Pumpkin Coloring Contest:

Materials:

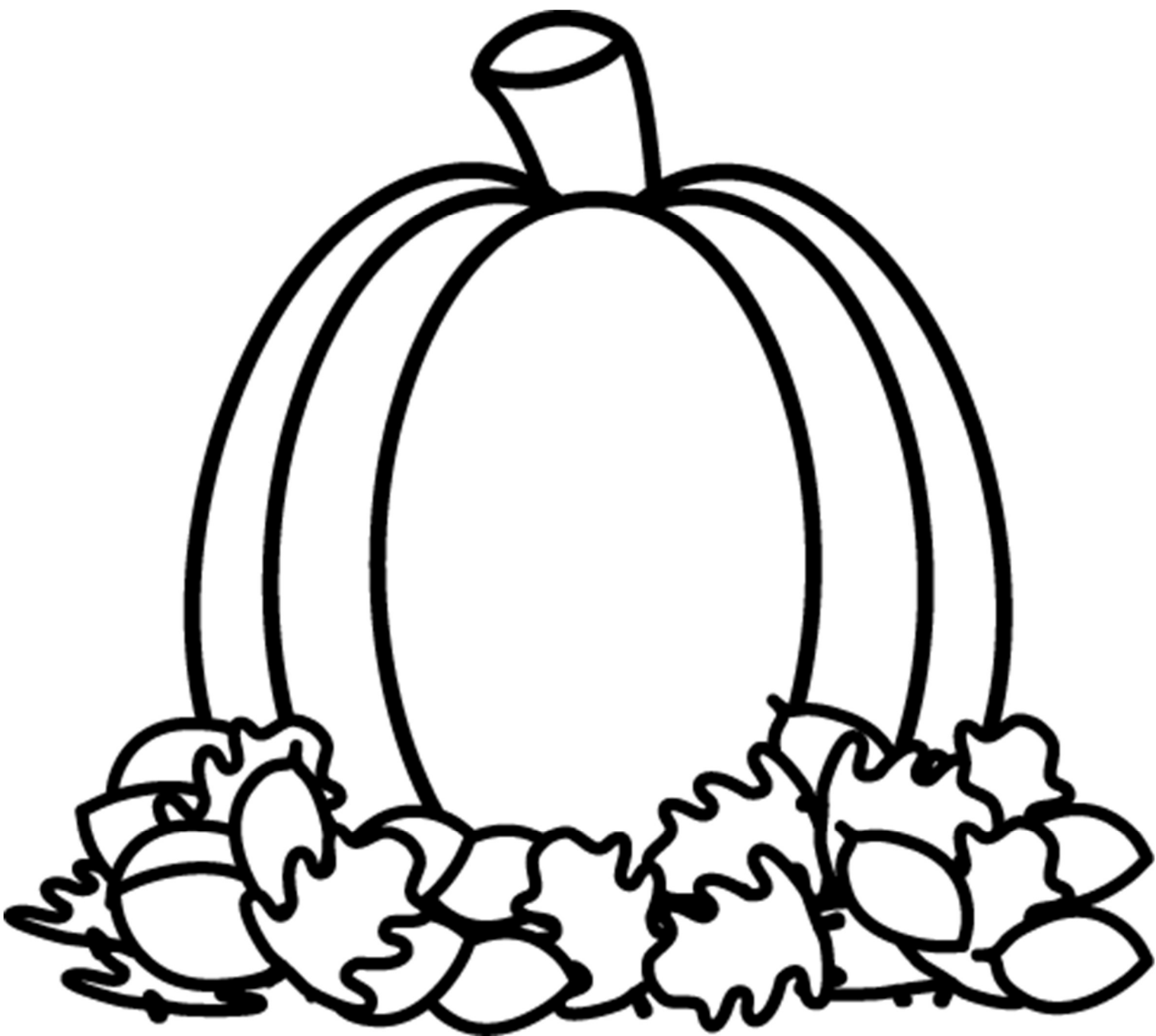
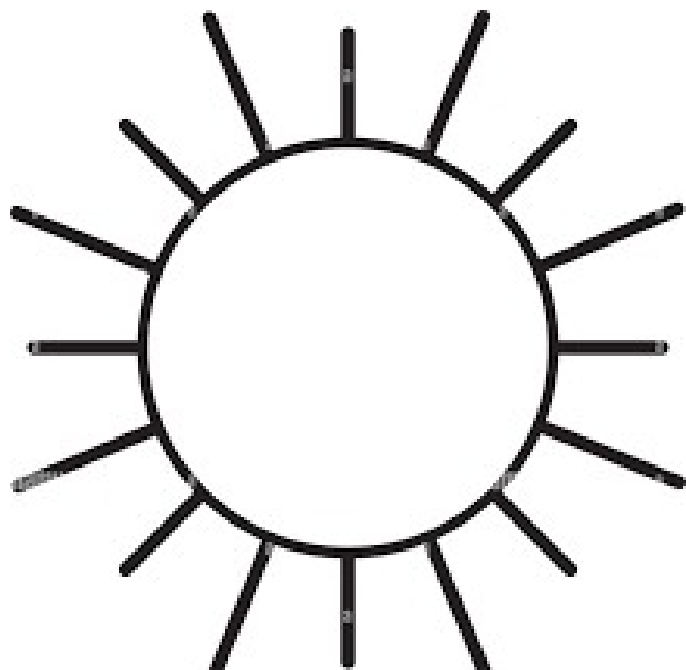
- Pumpkin image (images below)
- Markers
- Crayons
- Color pencils
- Colored Pens

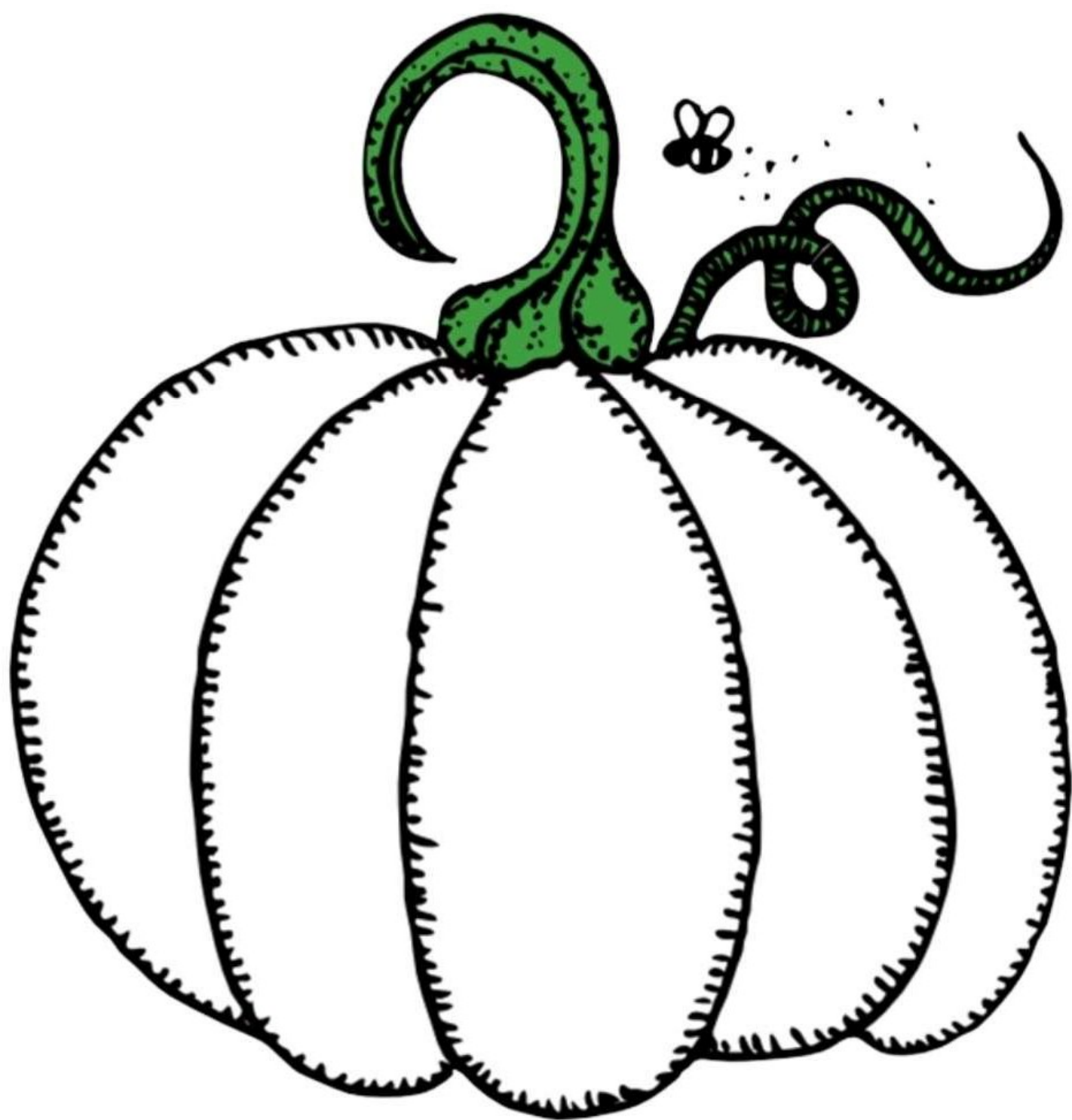


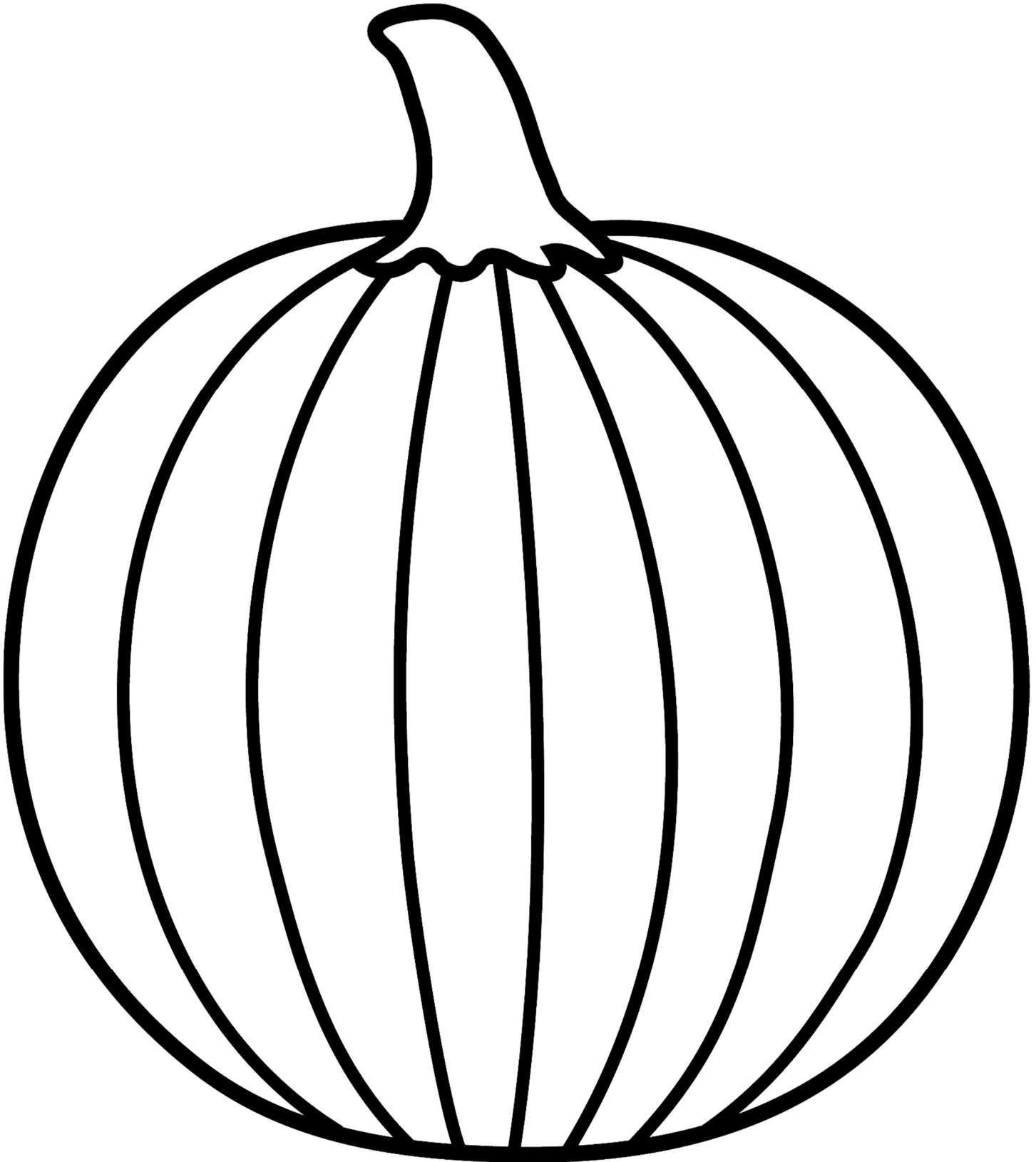
Use one of the templates below to uniquely design a pumpkin. The program team will be providing Boo patches (image in the pumpkin picture) to the Girl Scouts who share their completed pumpkin design. We don't have a lot of patches, so first come first serve!

How do I submit my pumpkin design?

Send an email to info@gskh.org or tag the image to the GSKH Sisterhood: Program Connections Facebook Page.







Activity #6

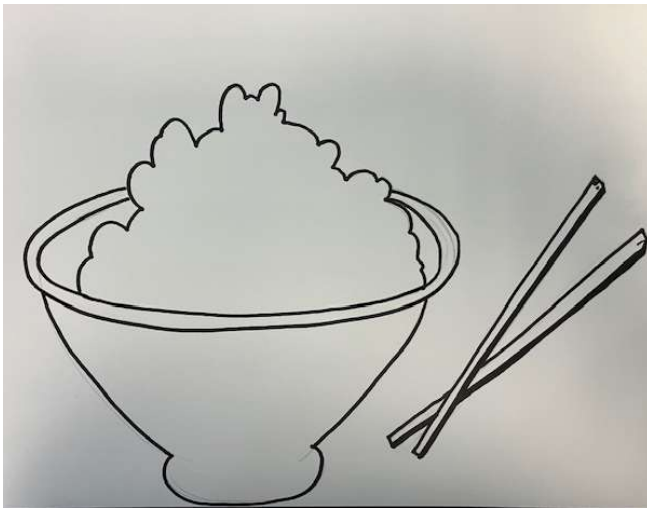
Hungry Ghost Festival: This is an honorable mention of a festival that originated in China and has spread widely to the East and Southeast Asia. In the seventh month of the Chinese lunar calendar which is August 23rd -September 21st- This is a month-long celebration that honors and serves the spirits of the deceased, especially those neglected or restless, "hungry ghosts". During the ghost festival, people honor the spirits by performing rituals, offering food, burning incense, and setting out elaborate altars. The people are also showing respect to the "hungry ghost" by not swimming in the open sea, taking pictures at night, wearing red or black, standing too close to the wall, plus many more significant rituals.

Rice Bowl Craft:

Materials

- White Cardstock
- Pencil
- Black marker
- Scissors
- Markers, Crayons

Step 1



Use a pencil to draw a bowl with rice and chop sticks. Use a black marker to outline the image.

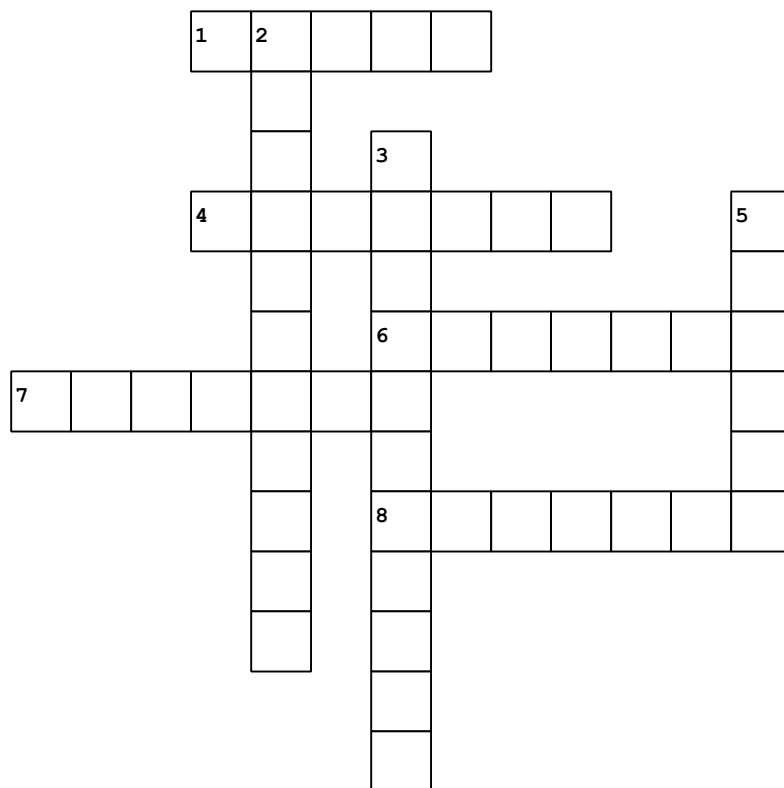
Step 2



Decorate the outside of the bowl with an Asian image, color the chopsticks, and cut out.

Avoid placing chopsticks upright in your rice bowl because it resembles an offering to spirits at an altar.

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1. What is a pumpkin?
4. What Celtic tradition does Halloween stem from?
6. Another name for the Dia de Los Muertos altar.
7. What month is National Pumpkin month?
8. Can be carved into a Jack-o-lantern.

Down

2. What colors to avoid during Ghost Month?
3. What pigment decreases in plants during autumn?
5. Saints are those who have reached.

Answers: 1. Fruit, 2 Red and Black, 3 Chlorophyll, 4 Samhain, 5 Heaven, 6 Ofrenda, 7 October, 8 Pumpkin

To make sure everyone is ready for a **fa-boo-lous** Halloween, here are some group DIY costume ideas:

The M&M Crew



The Skittles Crew



Hungry Hungry Hippos



Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

