

Painted Pumpkins

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Supplies:

- Fun-Kins Carvable Pumpkins or fresh pumpkins in various sizes
- Acrylic paint in colors of choice
- Paintbrushes:
 - 1" detail
 - ½" flat
- Spray gloss finish
- Ruler
- Plate for paint
- Pencil
- Water dish and paper towels

Instructions:

Tips: Paint Fun-Kins Carveable Pumpkins in two stages—first with stem up, second with stem down. When painting the bottom, stand it with stem down in a container that supports it until dry.

To get spray gloss varnish at the base, insert a disposable cup or other tall object inside the hole at the bottom the lift it from the surface. After spraying the surface that faces you, rotate pumpkin to get the other surfaces. Spray the stem from the top, as well.

• **Painting argyle pattern:**

Basecoat the entire pumpkin. Let dry. Measure the circumference of the pumpkin and create a diamond pattern that fits the circumference. Trace the pattern with pencil onto the pumpkin and paint inside the lines. When dry, make the pattern



between the diamonds and outline with a short broken line, using a detail brush. Continue around pumpkin. When paint is dry, spray pumpkin with spray gloss finish and let dry.

• **Painting Plaids:** Basecoat the entire pumpkin. Let dry. Water down a complementary color to a slightly thinner consistency. Using a ½" flat brush, paint a ring around the stem. About 1" down from the

first ring, paint a second ring and continue down the pumpkin. Let dry. Paint the same consistency of paint in a vertical line from the stem to the base, all around the pumpkin. All it to dry. Load the brush with the original, full-thickness paint and paint a block of intense color at each intersection. When paint is dry, spray pumpkin with spray gloss finish and let dry.