# **Rochester Brainery**



pumpkin cawing, pattern book

# **PUMPKIN CARVING TIPS**

## PREPARE YOUR WORKSPACE:

First rule of pumpkin carving: Do it somewhere you don't mind getting messy, ideally outdoors. Line your work surface (a sturdy table or the ground) with something you'll throw away later — like butcher paper, newsprint, or a disposable tablecloth.

You will also need to find a bowl or bag to put the pumpkin "guts" in (and a second bowl if you are going to sort out the pumpkin seeds for roasting!).

## PREPARE YOUR PUMPKIN:

Cut a circular lid around the pumpkin stem, about 5 to 6 inches in diameter. Make sure you slice through the pumpkin at a 45-degree inward angle, so you'll be able to replace the lid without it falling in.

Using a spoon or scraper, clean out the inside of the pumpkin until no stringy bits remain. Discard the pumpkin guts.

Thoroughly dry the outside of your pumpkin with a towel or paper towel to help the tape stick in the next step.

## TRANSFER YOUR PATTERN:

Center your chosen pattern on your pumpkin and tape it securely to the front.

Use a small nail, push pin, golf tee, or other object that will make a small hole through the paper into the pumpkin skin. Trace along the edges of the black sections of the pattern, making small holes as you go.

When you remove the paper, the pumpkin will have an outline of the pattern poked in the skin. These are the lines that will be cut to create the design.

## **CARVE YOUR PUMPKIN:**

With a small knife or pumpkin carving utensil, follow the hole punches to cut out the design on the pumpkin. Carve slowly to decrease the chance of mis-cuts.

### **DISPLAY YOUR PUMPKIN:**

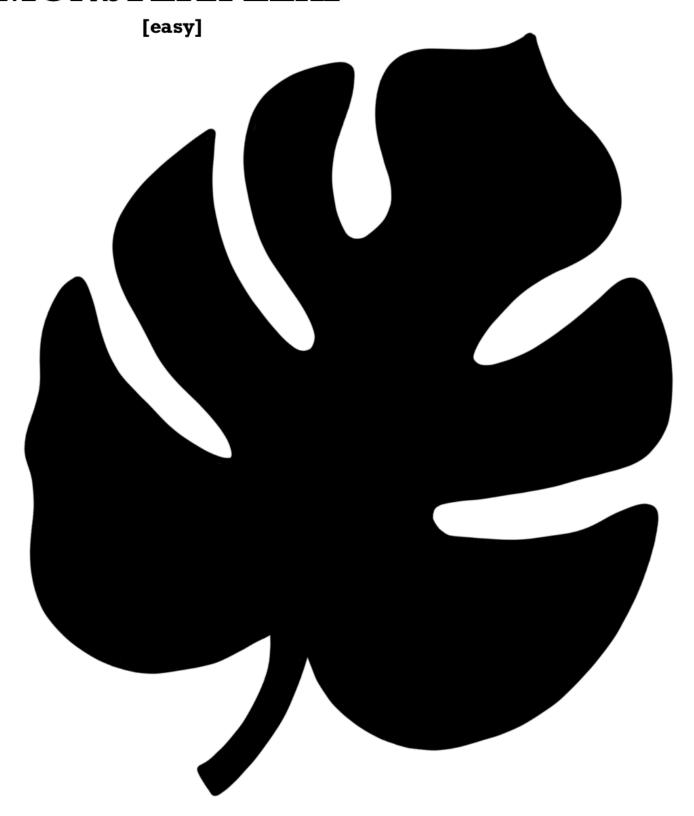
Light the jack o' lantern with a candle or an LED light source and enjoy! We'd love to see your pumpkins – tag us on Instagram and Twitter (@rocbrainery), and Facebook, too!

# SKULL & CROSSBONES [easy]



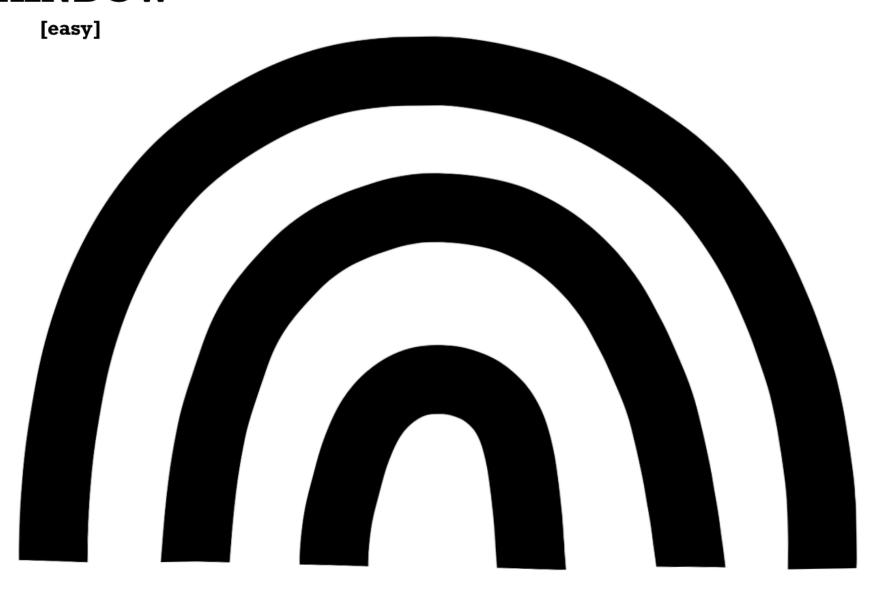


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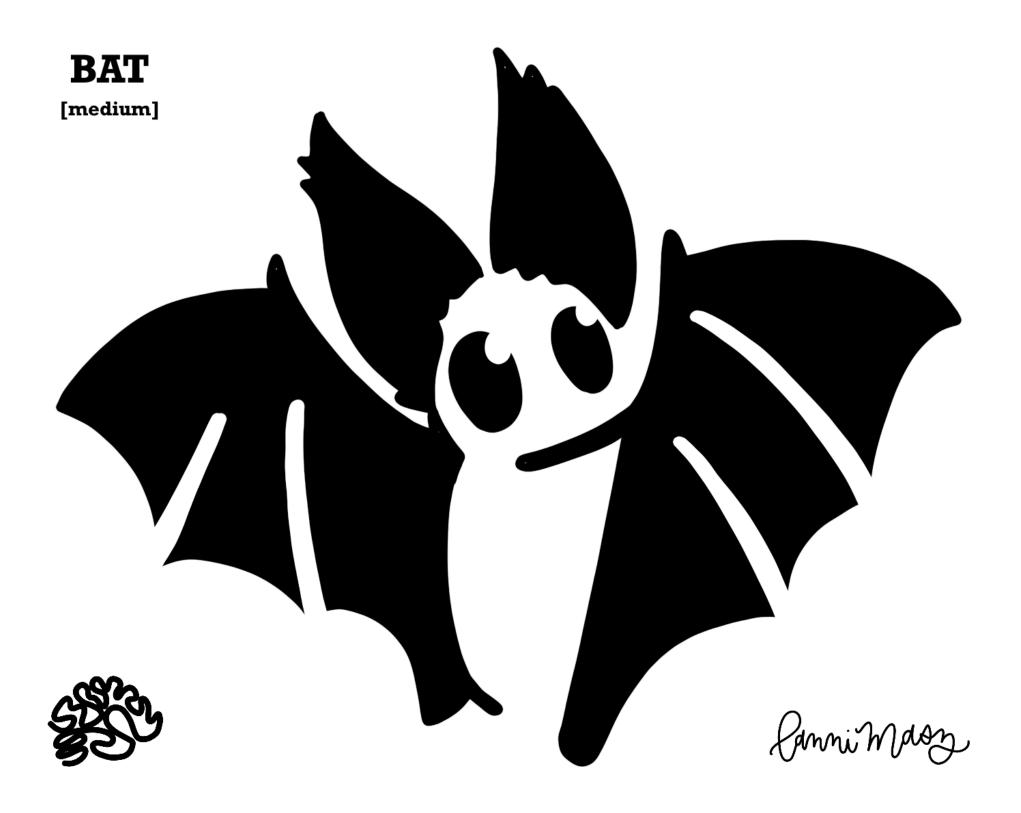




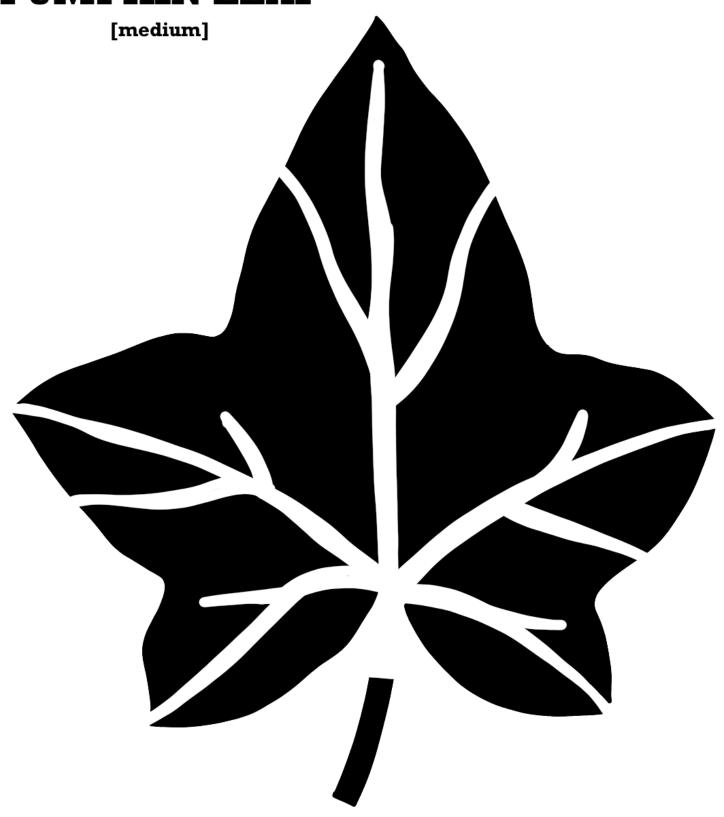
# **RAINBOW**







# **PUMPKIN LEAF**





# RESIST

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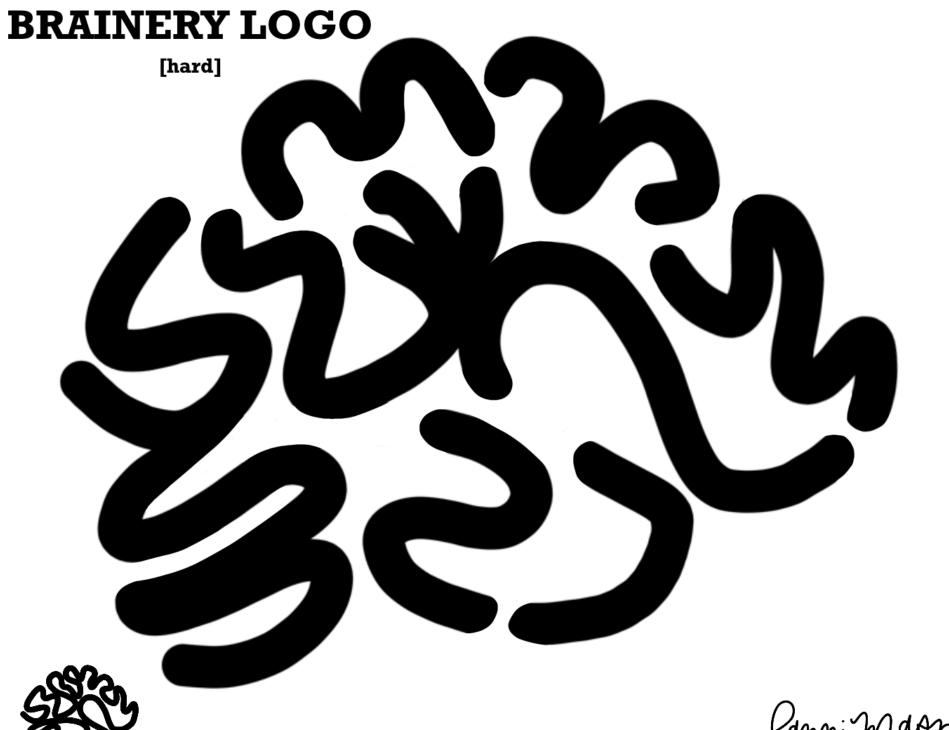
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