How to Carve a Dog Pumpkin

A step-by-step guide to creating an adorable pup perfect for fall!



1 Gather Your Supplies



- Pumpkin (medium to large)
- Carving tools or serrated knife
- Spoon for scooping
- Tape and printed template
- Marker or pencil

2 Clean Out the Pumpkin



Cut a circle around the stem, then remove the top. Scoop out all the seeds and stringy pulp until the inside is clean.

3 Add the Template



Print the dog face template (below), tape it to your pumpkin and trace the lines with a marker or poke small holes along the outline.

4 Carve the Face



Carefully carve out the eyes, nose, mouth and tongue. Take your time with curves for the best results.

5 Make the Ears



Use the cut-out pieces from the sides to create floppy ears. You can attach them using toothpicks (skewer sticks work too).

6 Add the Paws (Optional)



Cut small pumpkin pieces and carve paw shapes, then attach them to the bottom front with toothpicks.

Dog Face Template



Print this template or create your own design!

Helpful Tips

- Use a medium or large pumpkin for easier carving.
- A serrated knife works well for curves.
- Go slow and cut small sections at a time.
- Use LED candles or battery lights instead of real candles.
- Get creative! You can change the breed by adjusting the ears, eyes and mouth.

Fun Variations



Dalmatian



Bulldog



Golden Retriever



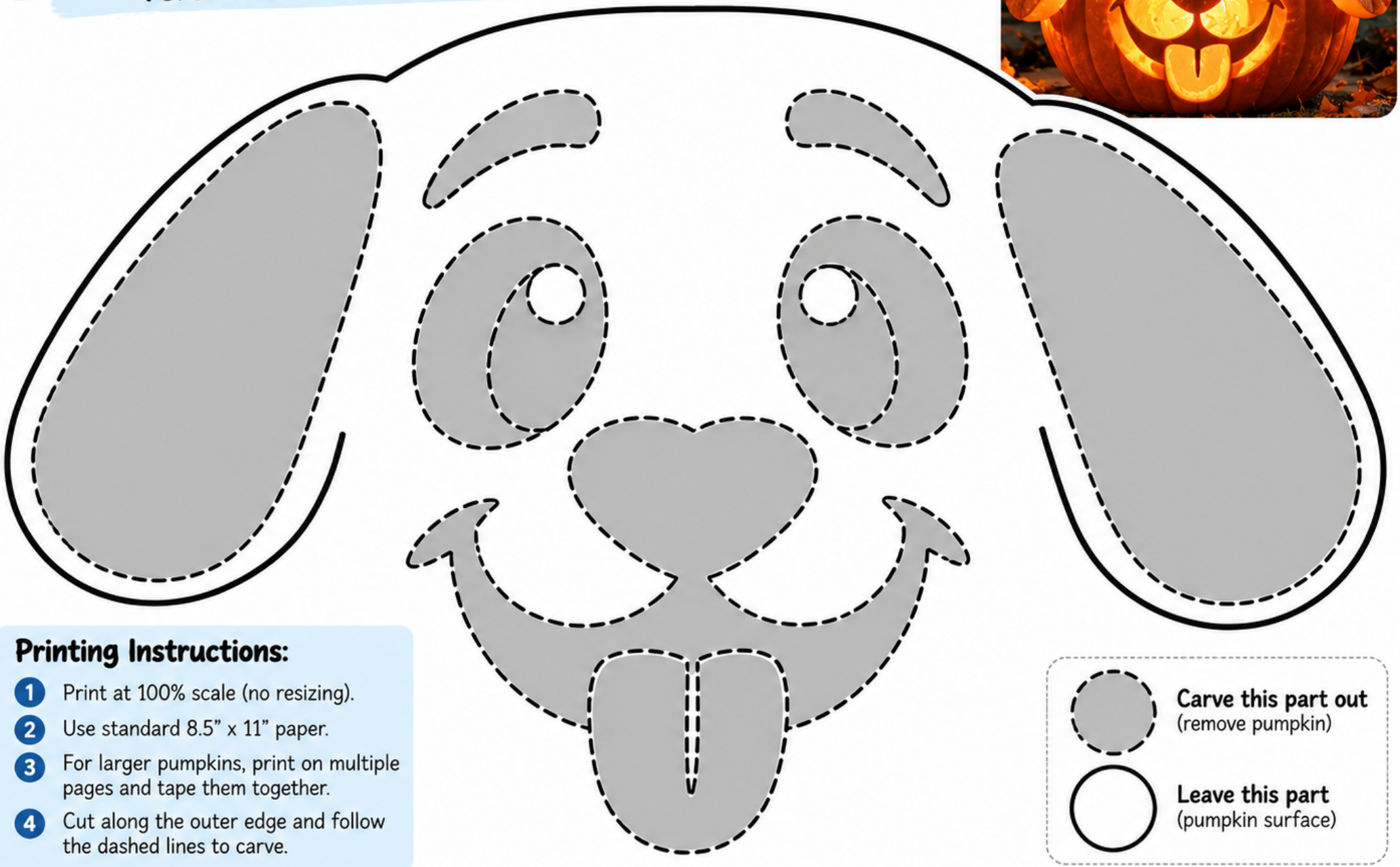
Poodle

Dog Pumpkin Carving Stencil

Version 1: Classic Puppy Face

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Printing Instructions:

1. Print at 100% scale (no resizing).
2. Use standard 8.5" x 11" paper.
3. For larger pumpkins, print on multiple pages and tape them together.
4. Cut along the outer edge and follow the dashed lines to carve.

Carve this part out
(remove pumpkin)

Leave this part
(pumpkin surface)