

# Take & Make Book Pumpkin!



## Materials Provided:

- Old Book
- Twig
- Raffia Ribbon
- Orange Paint
- White Construction Paper

## Additional Materials Needed:

- Scissors/E-xacto Knife
- Pencil
- Super Glue or Hot Glue Gun
- Water

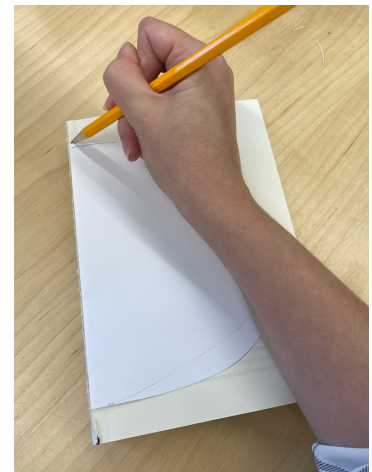
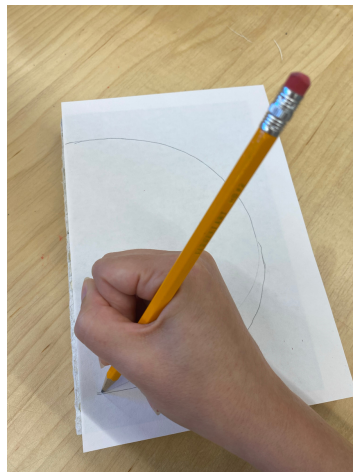
## Directions:

1. If you want, you can skip this first step and draw a semi-circle directly onto the book. I was just more comfortable having a template.

- Draw a half circle/oval onto the white construction paper and then cut it out.
- Line up the straight edge of your semi-circle with the spine of your book and trace.

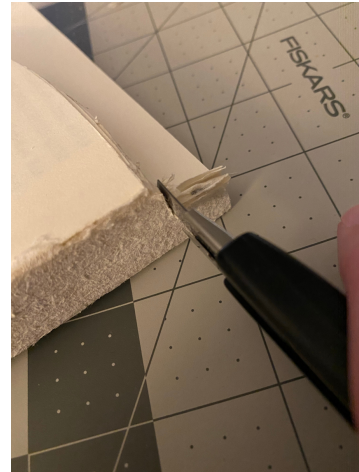
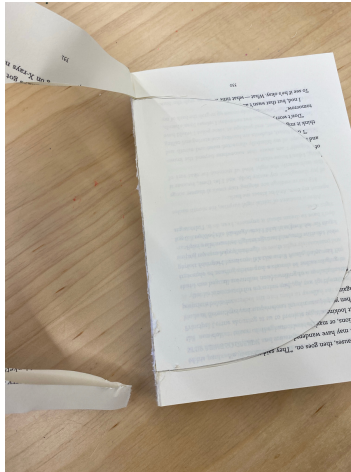
This is a great video for  
guidance on how to make this

Book Pumpkin:



2. Once you have a semi circle drawn onto your book, it's time to begin cutting. PLEASE BE CAREFUL WHILE CUTTING!

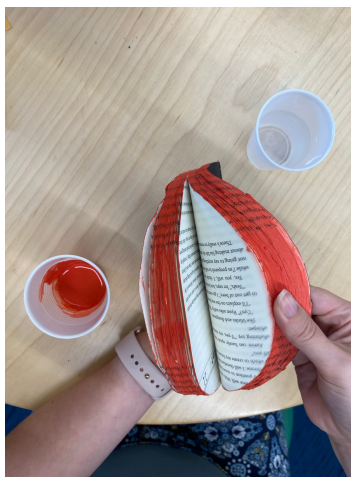
- Scissors will work for this process at first, but eventually you will probably need to switch to an x-acto knife.
- You'll be able to cut a few pages at a time and then need to tear them off at the spine.
- Remnants of the torn pages will build up along the spine and I found it helpful to cut chunks



3. After you're done cutting out the book, you want to take your orange paint and water it down. The thinner the paint is the "softer" the effect will be on the book pages.

- Paint the edges of the book pages. You don't need to paint the spine because that won't be visible.
- While the paint is drying fan through the pages to prevent them from sticking together.
- Another option is to spray paint your pumpkin. If you happen to have orange spray paint available and would rather use that over the acrylic paint provided do not paint your pumpkin yet. Skip to the next step and once the book is shaped like the pumpkin, then spray it with the paint. Spray painting your pumpkin will give you more orange coloring than the acrylic paint will.

**Acrylic Painted  
Pumpkin:**



**Spray Painted  
Pumpkin:**

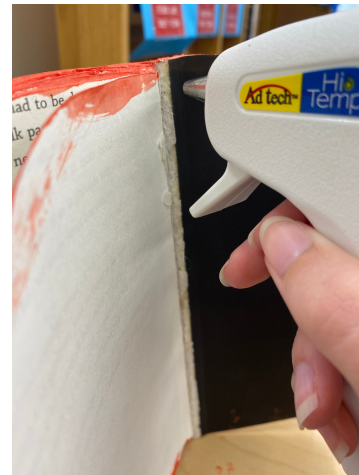


4. When the paint has dried, it is time to form the pumpkin! I've done this twice now, the first book bent in half easily, while the second one was more difficult.

- Fold the book open in half and glue the spine together using the hot glue gun.
  - In the video linked on page one, they don't put any glue on the spine of the book. Instead they cover the back page in glue and adhere it to the front page. If you choose this method, I'd recommend using a more spreadable super glue instead of a hot glue gun.
- I also found it helpful to glue the first and last page together by adding a line of hot glue near the spine.
- The pages will fan out on their own but if there are large gaps you don't like, I glued them together the same way I did the first and last page.
  - Another video I saw, recommended gluing every third page together in this fashion to help keep the pages from over separating or clumping together. It's very time consuming and I didn't think it was necessary.



**Additional video tutorial:**



4.5. If you chose to spray paint your pumpkin now is the time to do so.

5. Add your twig and raffia!

- Glue the twig to the top of the pumpkin. It's possible the twig will fit into the hole at the top of the pumpkin, but if not it will still work.
- Wrap the raffia around the twig a few times then tie in a bow!

