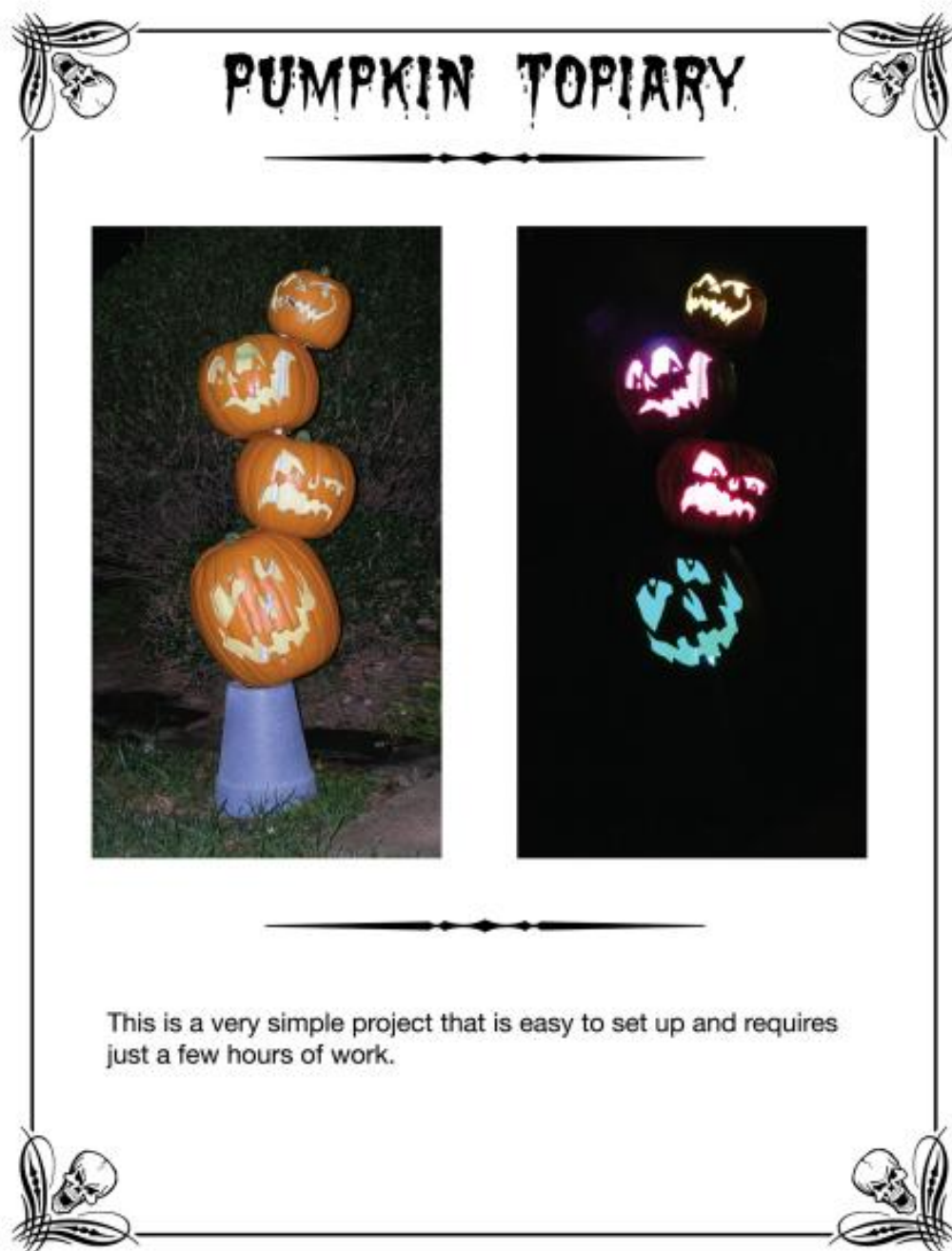


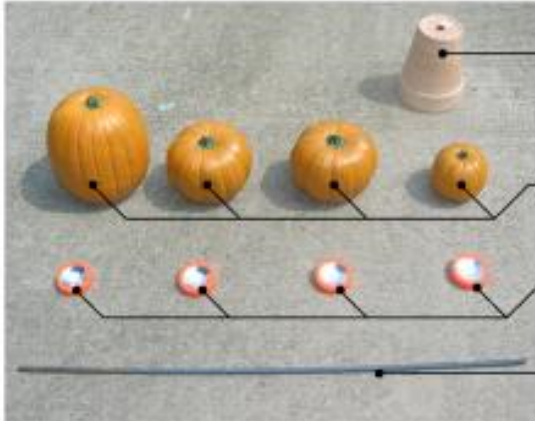
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MATERIALS:



1 Flowerpot ————— \$3.99
Ceramic or other material
(with hole in the bottom)

4 Carvable Pumpkins ——— \$23.99
Various sizes

4 Multicolored Lights ——— \$15.96
\$3.99ea (Each uses
3 - AA batteries)

1 - 4' rebar ————— \$1.83

TOTAL ESTIMATE ——— \$45.77
(Prices may vary)



STEP 1

First sketch how you want the pumpkins to stack as well as the faces you'll carve out. (For mine, I wanted to make them look like they're getting ready to fall down, but you can stack them any way you like. The flower pot doesn't have to be turned over either)

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STEP 2

- Transfer the face sketches onto your pumpkins. (I've found that using a projector tracer to enlarge my sketches on the pumpkins is the easiest and quickest way.)
- Carve out your pumpkin faces. (Use an X-Acto knife and change out blades as needed.)



STEP 3 (OPTIONAL)

Paint the flower pot if needed, desired, have tons of spray paint that you want to get rid of, or if you just want to waste some time! (I'm using a Flec-Stone Faux spray paint to make the flower pot look like stone.) So - hurry up and paint so we can get to the next step!



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STEP 4

Time to assemble the whole thing!

- Paint the rebar a light color to keep it from being visible through the carved faces. (I Discovered this step after taking the below photos.)
- Take a hammer and pound the rebar into the ground about 7" or 8".
- Slide the flowerpot over the rebar.
- Take your first pumpkin and mark where the top and bottom holes will be drilled. (Drill the bottom hole first to see if it fits over the rebar and check the accuracy of the top mark before drilling the top hole.)
- Using a 1/2" bit, drill and assemble all the pumpkins. (One at a time!)
- Wait for nightfall and insert the lights into your pumpkins. Enjoy!



Please let me know if these instructions are difficult to understand or if there is anything I missed or should add.