Jack O' Lantern Votive

POLYMER CLAY • by Thomas Ojeda





Supplies

- Orange polymer clay
- Wax Paper
- Face Pattern (I'm including my own)

Tools

- Tissue Blade
- Pasta machine or roller
- Hobby knife (such as X-acto)
- Scissors
- Needle tool
- Heat proof floor tile(s)
- Pen



Step One: Choose a face pattern. This one is included for download if you choose, or use clip-art, or downsize a pumpkin carving kit image. Be aware that you are putting it on a votive, so detail is limited.

Tape a piece of wax paper to the image and copy with a sharp pen or pencil.



Step Two: Roll out clay on a medium setting on your pasta machine. If using a roller, about as thick as a couple of index cards. Clay should be as wide as your votive plus about an inch. Begin to roll onto glass, with extra clay on bottom.



Step Three: Pick up clay and votive if it helps to keep the upper edge even and smooth against the glass.



Step Four: Pleat extra clay along bottom edge of clay. Trim off large lumps.



Step Five: Smooth clay to center of votive.



Step Six: Roll bottom smooth with roller.



Step Seven: Trim top edge.















Step Eight: Go all around votive, smoothing seams, fingerprints and nicks.

Step Nine: Align pattern as you want it on the best side of the votive. Tape wax paper pattern to glass inside.

Step Ten: Using ball stylus or needle tool, go over pattern to impress pattern into clay.

Step Eleven: Check to be sure pattern has transferred.

Step Twelve: Using craft knife, carefully carve out pattern, taking care not to exert too much pressure on clay.

Step Thirteen: Using the handle of a smooth tool, indent pumpkin-y lines vertically into clay.

Step Fourteen: Bake me for 15 minutes according to manufacturer's instructions.

Aren't I beeyoutiful?



Our happy family of Jacks waiting to have their inner lights kindled.



My pattern. This is about the right size, but if you want a larger pattern, click here. Feel free to use this pattern any way you wish, but please give me credit if used for sale.