

# Monstroctopus

## What you'll need

- 1 large pumpkin
- Green spray paint
- 1 large turnip
- White asparagus tips for the teeth
- Long, pointy red pepper for the tongue
- 8 to 12 curly banana peppers for the tentacles
- Knife or carving tool
- Craft glue
- Toothpicks or florist wire and snippers



## How to make it

1. Spray paint the pumpkin green and let dry. Add a second coat and let dry overnight.
2. Hollow out the pumpkin by cutting a 4-to-6-inch circle through the backside of the pumpkin (large enough for your hand to fit through). Clean out the pulp and seeds with a large spoon and discard. Or save the seeds and roast them later. (Yum!) Replace the cut circle.
3. Measure the diameter of the turnip and carve a slightly smaller hole for his eye at the top center of the pumpkin, so it will fit securely without falling through. But leave it out for now.
4. Carve a large, grinning mouth. Cut tips off the white asparagus to fit inside the mouth, leaving about 2 inches of the mouth free to add the tongue. Secure the teeth to the top and bottom of the mouth with toothpicks or florist wire.
5. Stick his pepper tongue into the gap in his mouth. Insert his turnip eye. Secure the tongue and eye with glue, toothpicks or florist wire, if necessary.
6. Now, move him to where you want to display him. Then add the banana peppers around the bottom of the pumpkin for his tentacles. Curve the tentacles in different directions to give him the look of movement. (You don't want a passive monster guarding your Halloween candy!) Attach the peppers to the pumpkin with toothpicks or florist wire.