Died Bride and Doomed Groom

What you’ll need

• 2 large pumpkins  
• White spray paint  
• 4 mini pumpkins  
• Men’s top hat  
• Knife or carving tool  
• Craft glue  
• White asparagus tips for teeth  
• Gauze  
• Toothpicks or florist wire and snippers  
• Tape (optional)

How to make it

1. Spray paint both pumpkins white and let dry. Add a second coat and let dry overnight.

2. Hollow out the pumpkins by cutting a 4-to-6-inch circle through the top or backside of the pumpkin large enough for your hand to fit through. (We cut our circles in the top of the groom and the back of the bride so you wouldn’t see the cut circles when the pumpkins are all finished.) Clean out the pulp and seeds with a large spoon, and discard. Or save the seeds and roast them later. (Yum!) Replace the cut circles.

3. For the groom, carve a smile or a grimace (depending on his view of the impending marriage).

4. Carve 2 eyeholes slightly smaller than the diameter of the mini pumpkins. Press a mini pumpkin into each eyehole and glue or use toothpicks or pieces of florist wire to secure.

5. Attach his top hat with glue or toothpicks (or tape, if you want to reuse the hat at some point). Now, on to the mummy bride!

6. To make the lady ready for the wedding of her nightmares, start by carving her a smile or scary mouth. (Once again, this says more about you than her.) Carve slits for her nose (optional) and carve holes for her mini pumpkin eyes. Attach the eyes as you did in step 3.

7. Give her mouth some teeth by embedding toothpicks or the ends of small pieces of florist wire into the asparagus tips and then pushing the other ends into the flesh of the pumpkin.

8. Now drape several lengths of gauze around her pretty face in a demure and shy fashion for the veil. Attach the gauze to the back of the pumpkin with toothpicks, florist wire, glue or tape.

9. Now they’re ready for some creepy wedded bliss. Or terror!