

# Mr. Pumpkin and His Damsels in Distress

For the dainty damsels, look for cute, curvy gourds in any color you prefer, topped with long, feminine stems.

## What you'll need

- Knife or carving tool
- 1 large pumpkin, at least 18-in. wide
- Toothpicks
- 6 to 8 mini white pumpkins, each about 2-to-3-in. wide
- 4-oz. paper cup
- Black crepe paper
- Dried Spanish moss
- Craft glue
- Black fine-point permanent marker
- 3 gourds
- 3 small paper doilies



## How to make it

1. For Mr. Pumpkin, hollow out the large pumpkin by cutting a 4-to-6-inch circle through the top or 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.
2. Cut out 2 eyes near the top of the large pumpkin. Cut out a big mouth in the middle of the pumpkin. (If it's too low, you'll see the candle inside.)
3. Create his teeth by using toothpicks to secure the mini pumpkins in his mouth.
4. Cover the paper cup with crepe paper to make a hat. Secure it with glue. Wrap a little Spanish moss around the base of the hat and glue to secure.
5. For the damsels, use a black marker to draw a frightened face on each gourd. Then cut the centers out of all the paper doilies and slip 1 over each damsel's head.