AROUND THE MAKER WORKSHOP, BROUGHT TO YOU BY DREMEL
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Make a spooky jack-o’-lantern using your Dremel Multi-Max tool.

Halloween’s almost here! While I have great respect for people who take hours to lavishly carve their pumpkin masterpieces, I also have little time for carving my own. So I decided to forgo the knife and use a cordless Dremel Multi-Max oscillating tool to make quick work of Mr. O’Lantern. Follow the steps below and you too can crank out an army of chilling, thrilling Halloween pumpkins in no time.

**Directions**

**Step 1:** First operation is skull cap removal! Mark a circle around the top of your pumpkin. Affix the wood/drywall blade to your oscillating tool and then cut along the line (Figure A).

**Step 2:** Lift off the new pumpkin lid (use a small knife to help pry it off if necessary). Use a big spoon or ice cream scoop to remove all the stringy, seedy guts inside (Figure B).

⚠️ **WARNING:** Always remove the battery pack before changing blades.

**Step 3:** Draw a fittingly scary (or silly) pattern on your pumpkin (Figure C). You won’t be able to do curves or any cuts narrower than your wood flush-cut blade. If you have a finer level of detail in mind, Dremel offers blades in the following widths: 3/8", 1/4", and 1/16".

**Step 4:** Switch to the flush-cut wood blade on your oscillating tool. Plunge-cut the eyes and nose along the lines (Figure D). Then pop out the pieces.

**Step 5:** Using the same technique as above, cut out the mouth on your pumpkin (Figure E). Pop out the mouth piece.

**Step 6:** Put the lid back on and admire your jack-o’-lantern (Figure F). He was so quick to carve that you can probably make him a few friends to keep in company on the porch in the same time you’d normally need to carve just one!

Tip: Don’t forget to detach, rinse, well-dry, and thin-coat with oil the blades you’ve used to remove any pumpkin material, and to wipe any organic material off of your oscillating tool.

**Materials and Tools**

- Dremel cordless Multi-Max oscillating tool with drywall blade, flexible scraper blade, and 3/4" flush cut blade.
- Dremel offers blades in the following widths: 3/8", 1/4", and 1/16".
- Due to the juicy contents of the pumpkin use the cordless model.

- Pumpkin
- Marker for drawing the face
- Large spoon for seed removal
- Small knife for lid removal
- Safety goggles

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