

# PAINTED PUMPKINS

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**Candy Corn Pumpkin ~ a fast and easy way to decorate a Pumpkin (no carving necessary)**

A painted pumpkin as candy corn is one of the easiest projects and fun for even very young children to make. Be sure your pumpkin is clean and dry before you begin. Spray the pumpkin with a clear primer/sealer to coat and get it ready to paint. This is optional but will give you a smoother shiny pumpkin to paint. I start by turning the pumpkin top side down. (I used a large industrial size can to hold it because I had one. You could also cut a hole out of the bottom of a sturdy box to put the stem in and hold the pumpkin while you spray.) The primer takes about 20 minutes to dry, maybe faster if you put in under a fan. Once you have the entire pumpkin sealed you are ready to paint.

You do not have to be fancy. The borders can be free hand painted, or you can draw a circle with a marker if you want it more perfect. I would use a white or very light marker. You can also use printer's tape if you want straight lines.

I started with the bottom and painted the yellow. The paint takes 20-30 minutes to dry and I used a second coat. (The yellow was actually harder to cover the orange pumpkin than the white paint.) You can use a craft sponge of whatever type you like. I have what I used pictured. I did not want to pay as much as craft sponges cost, so I bought a \$4 bath sponge and cut it up.

When I turned my pumpkin over, the yellow did not come up enough for me, and I put more to make it wider. Then I painted the top and stem to cover. You can add the twine as pictured if you wish. After you are happy with the way it looks spray it again with the sealer. You need to be outside to spray the sealer, but you can paint inside, as the paint has no fumes.

The supplies you will need are pictured. There are a variety of sponges you can use. The small bottles of paint are cheap at Wal Mart, but they go fast. Pictures show the pumpkins after the sealer has been applied, then as I am painting the first coat, and then the finished product.

## Costs:

- Primer-I got Rustoleum Primer at Home Depot for \$3.48 and it will last a long time.
- A small bottle of paint is 50 cents, but for a color you are going to cover a large pumpkin with or use a lot, you probably want to invest in a larger bottle between \$2-\$5. This is acrylic paint and washes off easily. (I dropped my bowl and it came up off my ceramic floor easily.)
- Sponges-\$2-\$10 depending on what kind and how many you buy.
- Pumpkins-\$2-\$12 dependent on size. Robinson Farm and Walker Honey Farm both have pumpkin patches but watch the price. WalMart's large are \$4 and \$6, HEB has had the nice small pumpkins 2 for \$4. The Methodist church on W Adams has a pumpkin patch but it is a fund raiser, for a good cause but is pricey.

You make this for a small cost. It is on Pinterest as are a wide variety of ideas on the page of pictures with all the different pumpkins.

The most time is waiting for the paint to dry. Minimal time would be 2 hours and max could be overnight. At least you are free to do other things while you wait. If you are doing the project with grandkids, get the primer on and dry to save time!

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This next section was taken from the website. NOTE: The pictures are a combination of those taken by Jonette and from the website.

Don't want to chop up your pumpkin, but still want to get into the Halloween spirit? This Candy Corn Pumpkin is the perfect solution as SO CUTE! Super easy to make and turns out adorable every time! Candy corns happen to be one of my favorite candy, and they make me think of fall. I saw a candy corn pumpkin a few years ago and have always wanted to make one. Yesterday I finally took the time to paint one with my girls. It was a quick and easy project that the girls had a fun time making. I like the cute side of Halloween (not the ghost and goblins), so I am pretty excited about this adorable new pumpkin sitting on my front porch.

To make this candy corn pumpkin project, all you need is:

- Acrylic paint
- Jute twine
- Sponges for painting

We used a craft sponge to paint the Candy Corn Pumpkin. I put the paint right on the sponge and then started to dab it on the pumpkin. I started with white on the top then did the yellow on the bottom. We did two coats to cover the pumpkin, but if you use a good quality paint you might only have to do one layer.



The weather was perfect, and the girls had so much fun making this project. Even little Madilyn was having fun watching her sisters paint. Once the paint is dry, tie a bow around the stem. Simple as that you have made your very own Candy Corn Pumpkin.





Spray pumpkin(s) with primer/sealer.  
Let dry.



Put the paint on a sponge, then start dabbing around the pumpkin. Use a different sponge for each color or, if using one sponge, be sure to rinse all the paint out before starting another color.



It looks like a big Candy Corn! Once you're satisfied with the way your pumpkin looks, spray it again with the primer/sealer.



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