

Mouse Pumpkin House Directions

Directions: Read the text in bold. The directions for creating the house are not bolded.

Once there was a little mouse that lived in a field on a pumpkin farm. It was beginning to get colder out as autumn was coming so he decided to start looking for a home.

(Fold the paper in half the short way while you are saying this much).

He spotted a pumpkin laying on its side in the field and thought that it would make a good, warm place to live.

(Cut out a half a pumpkin shape so that when you open the paper up it will look like a whole pumpkin. Don't forget the stem. Don't open the half of a pumpkin up. Hold it for the children to see so that the fold is down and looks like it is laying on its side.)

The little mouse nibbled a hole in the pumpkin to get inside where it was warm.

(Tear a small hole out of the paper right in the middle of the fold)

Once he got inside the little mouse saw that the door he used to get in would be too small for some of his friends to visit so he nibbled a larger door for them.

(Tear another hole out on the side of the 1st hole that is away from the stem. Make it about halfway between the first hole and what will be the bottom of the pumpkin. Tear this hole taller to make it look like a bigger door. Remember you are making holes in the fold of the paper).

Then the little mouse noticed that it was very dark in his new house so he decided to make a window. He nibbled and nibbled and soon he had a nice window to let in light.

(This hole is not made on the fold. It should be on the side that is closest to the stem and a few inches up from the fold. Make it about equal distance from the first small whole and the stem.)

He was very proud of his house when it was done and he invited all of his friends over to wish them a Happy Halloween.

