

Mouse Pumpkin House Directions

Directions: Read the text in bold. The directions are for creating the house in a pumpkin.

Once there was a little mouse that lived in a field on a pumpkin farm. It was growing colder out as the autumn was coming. The mouse decided it was time to look 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 it yet. Hold it for 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 noticed saw that the door he used to get in would be too small for some of his friends use to visit. 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 this new house. He decided to make a window. He nibbled and nibbled and soon he has a nice window to let in light.

(This hole is not make 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 an equal distance from the first small hole 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.

(Open the pumpkin and your children will see it is now a jack o'lantern.)