Looking for inspiration when it comes to carving your jack-o-lanterns? Use these stencils to get a head start!
OUR TOP PUMPKIN CARVING TIPS:

1. Choose a pumpkin that best suits the face you intend to carve into it - tall and skinny for a scary Frankenstein, short and fat for a friendly fellow. Remember: there’s no need to find a flawless pumpkin. Bumps, growths and discolouration can make great noses, warts and freckles.

2. Prepare the pumpkin by cutting a circle around the top of the pumpkin to create a lid. Then, scrape out the strands and seeds inside the pumpkin. Select the paper stencil you wish to use and cut off excess paper. Secure to the pumpkin with masking tape. Use a push pin to make tiny holes along the outline of the stencil. When finished, remove the stencil and rub flour or cornstarch over the pattern to make it more visible. Then, use a pumpkin carving tool to carefully cut the pattern out of the pumpkin.

3. To make your pumpkin last, wash the insides with a mild bleach solution (to slow decay) and coat the cut edges with petroleum jelly.
Note: You can enlarge or reduce the size of the stencil using a photocopier to match the size of your pumpkin.