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## ***Reformation Day Pumpkin Carving Instruction Sheet***

Here's an idea that will bring great joy to your Reformation Day Celebration! Use the patterns and follow the instructions below to carve Reformation images into your pumpkins.

*Supplies needed:* (Available from grocery stores and big box stores.)

- A Poker tool used to outline the pattern
- The V Cutter used to create outlines and remove dark pumpkin skin
- The Raker, removes skin, deepens and smooths areas of exposed pumpkin flesh.

*Pumpkin carving instructions:*

1. Prepare Pumpkin Carefully: cut opening in top or bottom of a smooth pumpkin. Clean out the seeds and strings with a large spoon or ice cream scoop. Scrape the inner pulp away from the area you plan to sculpt until the pumpkin wall is approximately 1 inch thick.
2. Transfer Design: trim the pattern leaving a 1/2" border around the design. Tape pattern to pumpkin. Using a poking tool, poke holes about 1/8" apart along the black design lines. Remove pattern. If necessary connect the dots with a lead pencil.
3. Outline design lines. Use a V cutter (available at most grocery stores near the pumpkins) carefully follow the holes to carve an outline of the design.
4. Remove Pumpkin skin. Using both hands to guide the V-cutter guide the tool just under the dark orange pumpkin skin inside the outline you just created.
5. Finishing touches. Using both hands to guide the raker, deepen and smooth the sculpted areas of exposed pumpkin flesh.
6. If pumpkin is not bright enough, carefully remove additional pulp from the inside of the pumpkin using a scraping tool or ice cream scoop.