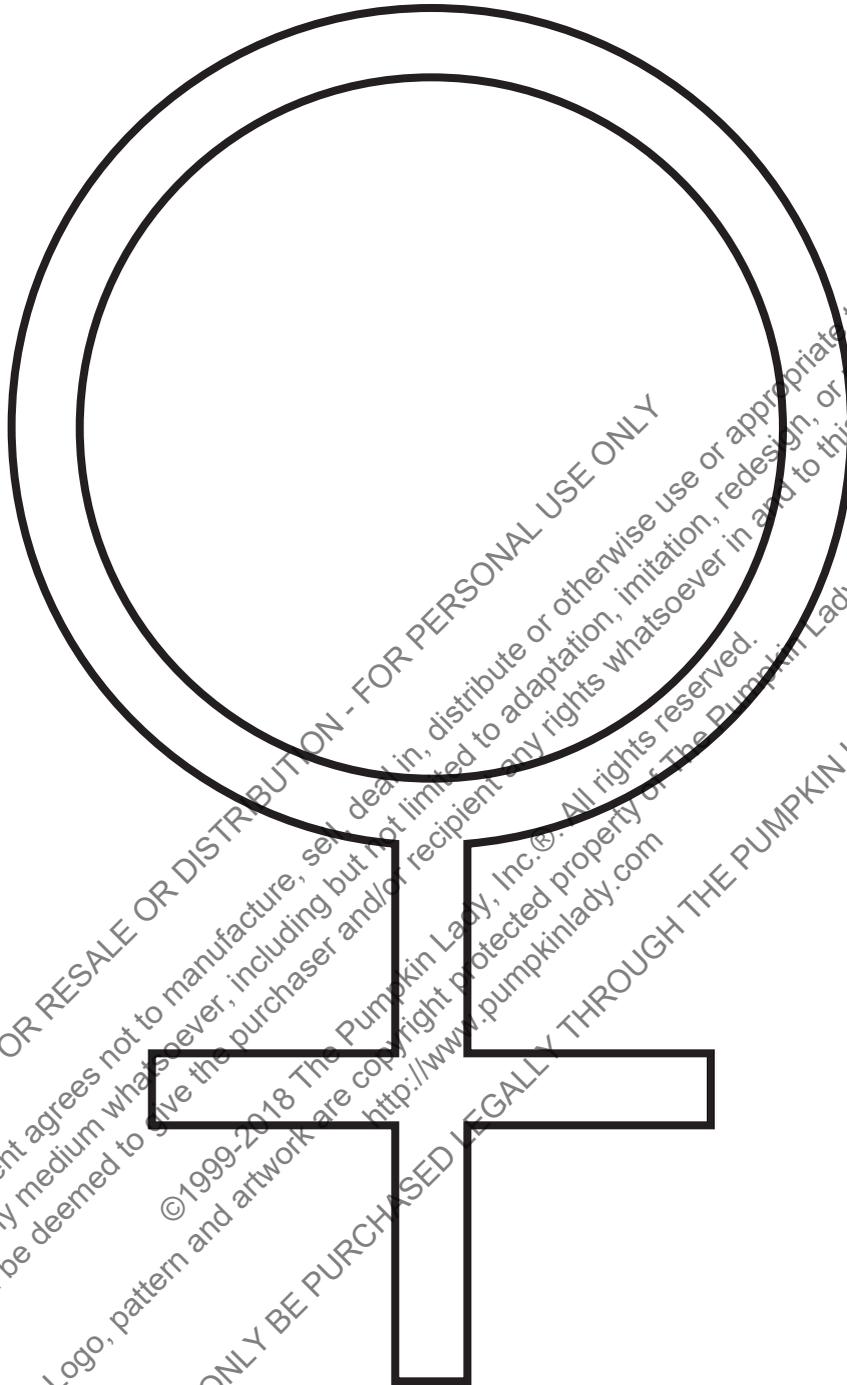


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1. Use a poking tool or sharp nail to poke the design into the pumpkin's surface, poking gently through the paper about an eighth of an inch deep into the pumpkin skin, each poked dot placed beside the other while tracing the shape on the lines. When all lines have been traced this way, remove the paper pattern and rub a small amount of baking flour into the holes to make the design easier to see.

2. Next, use a utility knife, such as a small X-Acto blade, to precisely trace each poked line, cutting only about an eighth of an inch into the skin, not all the way through the pumpkin shell. Outlining with a blade will give the finished design cleaner cut lines and help you to smoothly shave out the shadow areas.

3. Use a sturdy, U-shaped wood gouge to shave out the traced design into the pumpkin's shell. The more you remove from the pumpkin shell, the brighter these areas will glow.

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