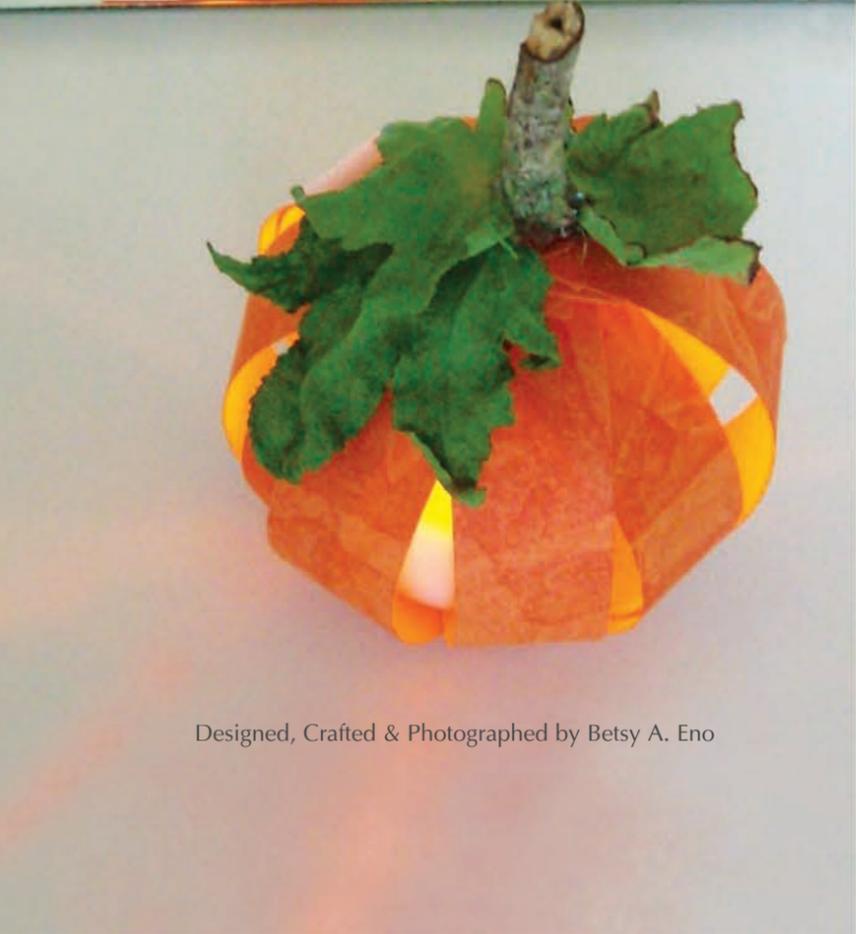


Decorating "Outside the Pumpkin"

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Pumpkins provide the perfect inspiration for designing one-of-a-kind works of art. Whether whimsical, traditional, show-stopping or playful, we have found some unique and easy ways to create and decorate these versatile symbols of fall for this year's harvest celebration.

Peek-a-Boo Paper Pumpkin

Make a fun and easy paper pumpkin that holds a battery-operated tea light. Punch holes into the ends and the centers of five, 8-1/2 x 3/4-inch strips of orange cardstock. Stack the strips together and secure by placing a brad into the center hole. Fan out the paper, pull the ends up and toward the center, line up the holes and fasten with another brad. Hot glue a one-inch twig and a few small leaves on top. Turn on the tea light and insert it into the pumpkin. Place it on a windowsill, tabletop or wherever you want to achieve a warm autumn glow.



Glittering Glow

Glitter and sequins are a great way to glam up a lightweight craft pumpkin. Squeeze some tacky glue onto the stem and sprinkle it with glitter. Cover a small section of the pumpkin with glue and add sequins, gently pressing down to adhere. Repeat the process until the entire surface is a shimmering masterpiece.



A Cascade of Color

Transform a small pumpkin into an eye-catching attraction by draping some vibrant beads around the stem. Then display it as a centerpiece or place it in an area that beckons for a splash of color.



Pumpkin-dotted

If you're looking for a fast and easy way to decorate your pumpkin, wrap it with different shades and widths of ribbon, tying each end together at the base of the stem. For a finishing touch, make a bow around the stem using black tulle to disguise the ends of the ribbon. Display it any place that needs a touch of autumn charm.

Should you choose to make one of these artistic displays or create your own design, we hope we have inspired you to decorate "outside the pumpkin!"