Jack-O-Lantern Banner

Today, Jack-O-Lanterns light up the night with their silly faces. But that’s not what they were always used for. They used to be placed on window sills and in doorways to scare away the spirits. People carved angry faces into them to show the spirits they weren’t joking around. Help keep the spirits away by creating your own Jack-O-Lantern banner! When you’re finished, hang it on your wall, in your window, or above your doorway to keep the spirits out!

**MATERIALS**
- Orange construction paper
- Black construction paper
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- String

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. **Draw a pumpkin on an orange sheet of paper. If you don’t have orange paper, color an orange pumpkin on white paper.**

2. **Cut the pumpkin out.**

3. **Cut out triangles, circles, ovals, and half circles to make the eyes, nose, and mouth of the Jack-O-Lantern.**
4. Glue the shapes onto the pumpkin.

5. Repeat steps 1-4 to create a whole pumpkin patch worth of Jack-O-Lanterns!

6. Tie the string around each Jack-O-Lantern's stems to create a banner.

7. Hang your creation in a window, doorway, or on a wall!

**FAST FACT**
Pumpkins are thought to have first originated in Mexico around 7,000 years ago!

**KEEP IT GOING!**
Make each Jack-O-Lantern have a different emotion by playing with different shapes for their eyes and mouths.