



# Fun with Jack O'Lanterns

Jack O'Lanterns were brought to America by Irish immigrants. But they weren't always made from pumpkins. They used to make lanterns and funny faces out of turnips— can you believe that?!

But turnips are very small and hard to cut. So, when the Irish came to America, they were very happy to discover pumpkins. Pumpkins are so much bigger and easier to carve and make fun Halloween decorations from.

People would put the Jack O'Lanterns in their windowsill to frighten away mean spirits on Halloween, and we still make them today!

**Why not dress up as a pumpkin and scare away the mean spirits?!**

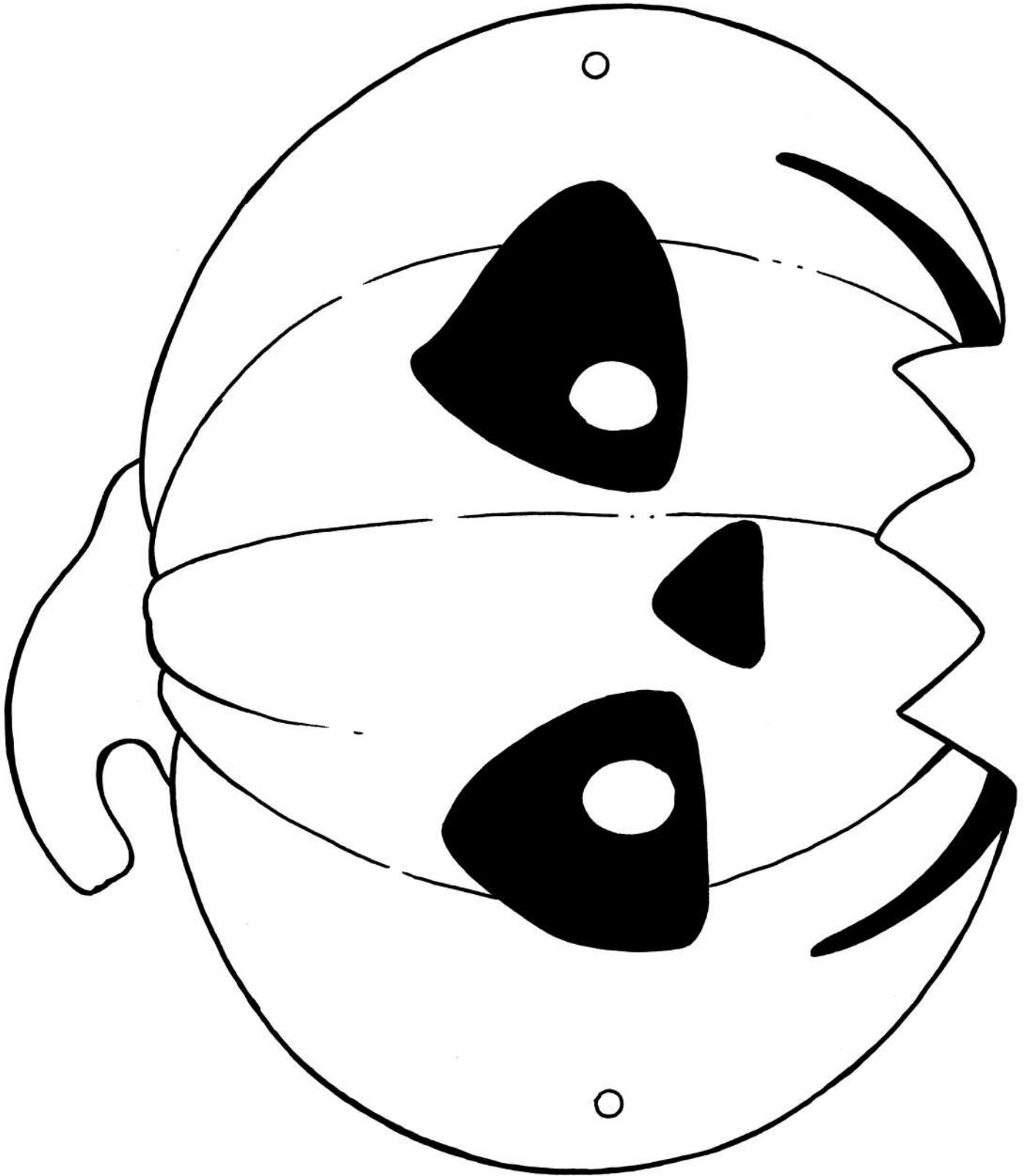
To get you into the festive Halloween mood, have a go at making a Halloween Mask – we have created a Jack O'Lantern mask and Devil Mask for you to dress up in. Choose between the full color version, or why not get the watercolors out and get creative with the black and white printables?!

Make use of our blank spooky activity sheet to draw and design your own pumpkin!



## Happy Halloween!

# Jack O'Lantern Mask



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