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## 1405-3 Year Round Parties

### Colorful Pumpkins Designed by Candie Cooper

Colorful paper mâché pumpkins are fun any time of year.



 When you see the "helping hand" symbol on a project, it means you may need adult supervision to do the project. Always cover your work surface with a mat or some type of protective covering like wax paper or plastic. Always use care when using tools or a heat source. Be careful and safe!

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Age Range: 7 to 12

Grade Range: 2 to 6

Skill Level: Moderate

Appropriate for These Special Events:

Halloween and Thanksgiving

Autumn

Every Day and Rainy Days

Supports Subject Area(s) of:

Language Arts - e.g. step by step instructions

Mathematics - measuring

Visual Arts

Time Needed for Project:

2 hours plus drying time

### Main Materials:

FloraCraft® 3-1/16" x 2-5/16" Styrofoam™ egg

FloraCraft® 3" Styrofoam™ ball

Activa® Celluclay™ Instant Paper Mâché

Elmer's® Painters® Markers

Elmer's® 3D™ Washable Glitter Paint Pens



## Basic Materials:

Acrylic paint in desired colors (bright purple, teal, green)

Pipe cleaner assortment

Acrylic bead assortment

2.5" twig pieces

Plastic knife

Paint brush

## Instructions:

Cut a small flat spot on the egg and ball with a plastic knife (this is just to keep them from rolling away). Push a twig into the top.

Mix the paper mâché according to the manufacturer's instructions and spread over the Styrofoam ball. Keep your fingers wet when working with the clay. You can make ridges in the pumpkin with your fingers. Set the pumpkin aside to dry.

Paint the pumpkin and stem with desired colors.

Add dots, stripes, and dashes with the glitter gel pens and paint pens. You can even brush the glitter gel out with a paint brush to create an all over sparkle effect.

Wrap a pipe cleaner around the stem and string two or three beads on each side. Finish by twirling the ends of the pipe cleaner around a pencil to make them curl.

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