

"Leaf"ing Prints (Calendar Craft)

Instead of buying a pumpkin, this month you will create your own with paint, construction paper, glue, and of course - your child's handprints! Get ready to get a little messy! For more craft activities and ideas, please visit us at www.signingtime.com and www.signingtimekids.org.

Materials Needed:

- September calendar page (backside/upside-down)
- Orange tempera paint
- Green tempera paint
- Pencil
- Foil or plate
- Black construction paper (optional)
- Black tempera paint (optional)
- Paint brush (optional)



Book Link:

"Pumpkin Pumpkin" by Jeanne Titherington

"It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" by Charles M. Schulz (based on the annual television special)

Time to Create!

Step 1: Using the back side of your September calendar page (upside-down), draw an outline of a pumpkin for your child. Make sure to leave some extra space at the top of the page for the binding. Using the orange paint, your finger, or a paint brush, outline the pumpkin shape you drew to act as a guide for your child to follow.

Step 2: Pour some orange paint onto your foil or paper plate. Your child can use either his/her hands or a paint brush to paint their pumpkin. While your child's pumpkin is drying, he/she can begin drawing different faces onto the black construction paper for them to cut out. (Your child can use black paint for the face once the orange paint is dry.) Once the pumpkin is dry, pour the green paint onto your foil and have your child place his/her hand into it. Take your child's green hand and press into place to make the leaves on his/her pumpkin as shown in the image above. Make as many leaves as your child would like.

Step 3: Now have your child paint or glue his/her pumpkin's face in place. The pumpkin is now complete! Don't forget to label this month "October" some where on your calendar page. Have fun!

