

PROJECT TITLE:
Rusted Bat Pumpkin

DESIGNED BY:
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SKILL LEVEL: (1 being the easiest, 5 being of highest difficulty)
Adult 2

TIME TO COMPLETE:
2 Hours (plus drying time for paint finishes)



ROMANCE COPY:
Give craftable pumpkins a real metallic finish for a seasonal look that is totally new and versatile for indoor or outdoor décor.

PROJECT TIP:
Shake or stir all Sophisticated Finishes products first before using. All clean up with water. The Sophisticated Finishes Primer & Clear Sealer will paint on milky white but will dry to a clear and durable finish suitable for outdoor protection. The Sophisticated Finishes Metallic Surfacers contain finely ground metal flakes in an acrylic binder that create the look and durability of a true metal surface, ideal on any paintable surface. The Metallic Surfacers are completely weatherproof but you may add the Primer & Clear Sealer to further protect and add a sheen to finished project.

SEARCH TEXT: (Please provide words which the consumer may use to search for this project. Words in this section should be in lowercase type and separated with one space between each word only.)

Sophisticated Finishes, Triangle Coatings, Rust, Rusted, Metallic, Pumpkin, Craft Pumpkin, Halloween Décor, Indoor, Outdoor

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Trace pattern onto pumpkin. Use the XACTO™ knife or Creative Versa-tool™ with hot knife attachment to carve pumpkin pattern. Cut off top (stem) end of pumpkin to allow hand to work inside. Leave this end on while painting to make painting easier.
2. Wipe pumpkin inside and out to remove dust, dirt and grease. Use paint brush to apply Sophisticated Finishes Primer & Clear Sealer to inside & outside of pumpkin. Allow first coat to air dry. Apply a second coat and allow to dry overnight.
3. Apply two to three coats of Sophisticated Finishes Iron Metallic Surfacer to outside of pumpkin, allowing each coat to air dry thoroughly before applying next coat. Allow last coat to dry overnight a minimum of 12 hours.
4. Pour Sophisticated Finishes Rust Antiquing Solution into mist sprayer and shake well. Mist pumpkin with solution until wet. Allow time for solution to react

- (approx 10 minutes). Add additional mist coats depending on how intense you want the rust reaction to occur.
5. Designer note: To create look in photo, keep top of pumpkin wet and allow the solution to drip into the creases of the pumpkin throughout the entire application process. Occasionally add a bit of mist to the middle of the pumpkin to give it a variegated effect. You may also mist more in some places and less in others to give a more mottled appearance. The rust solution will continue to react for 24 hours after application. There will be little or no reaction after 24 hours.
 6. If you do not want the Metallic Surfer to react with the Rust Antiquing Solution, wipe the inside of the pumpkin with a damp paper towel to remove any remaining Antiquing Solution. Let dry. Prime the inside of the pumpkin with Sophisticated Finishes Primer & Clear Sealer using two coats and allowing to dry completely between coats.
 7. Paint the inside of the pumpkin with Sophisticated Finishes Gold Metallic Surfer, taking care around cut-out areas so it does not drip onto 'face' of pumpkin. Allow to air dry, then apply a second coat. Let dry.
 8. Add a twig for the bat to hang from. Use hot glue to attach to pumpkin.
 9. Insert one end of wire piece into pumpkin across bat face. Thread on beads and bend to complete eyes and nose. Insert remaining end into opposite side of pumpkin.
 10. Insert battery powered tea light into pumpkin and you are ready to display!

MATERIALS CHECKLIST:

Sophisticated Finishes Iron Metallic Surfer
Sophisticated Finishes Rust Antiquing Solution
Sophisticated Finishes Primer & Clear Sealer
Sophisticated Finishes Gold Metallic Surfer
2.5oz Mist Sprayer bottle
1" Foam Paint Brush
Craft Pumpkin (any size)
Pattern
#11 X-acto™ Knife or Creative Versa-tool™ (with Hot Knife Attachment)
24 gauge Silver Wire (2" piece)
3 beads (for eyes and nose)
Grapevine Twigs (for bat roost)
Damp Paper Towels
Battery powered Tea Light
Glue gun, glue sticks
Newspaper to protect work surface

