

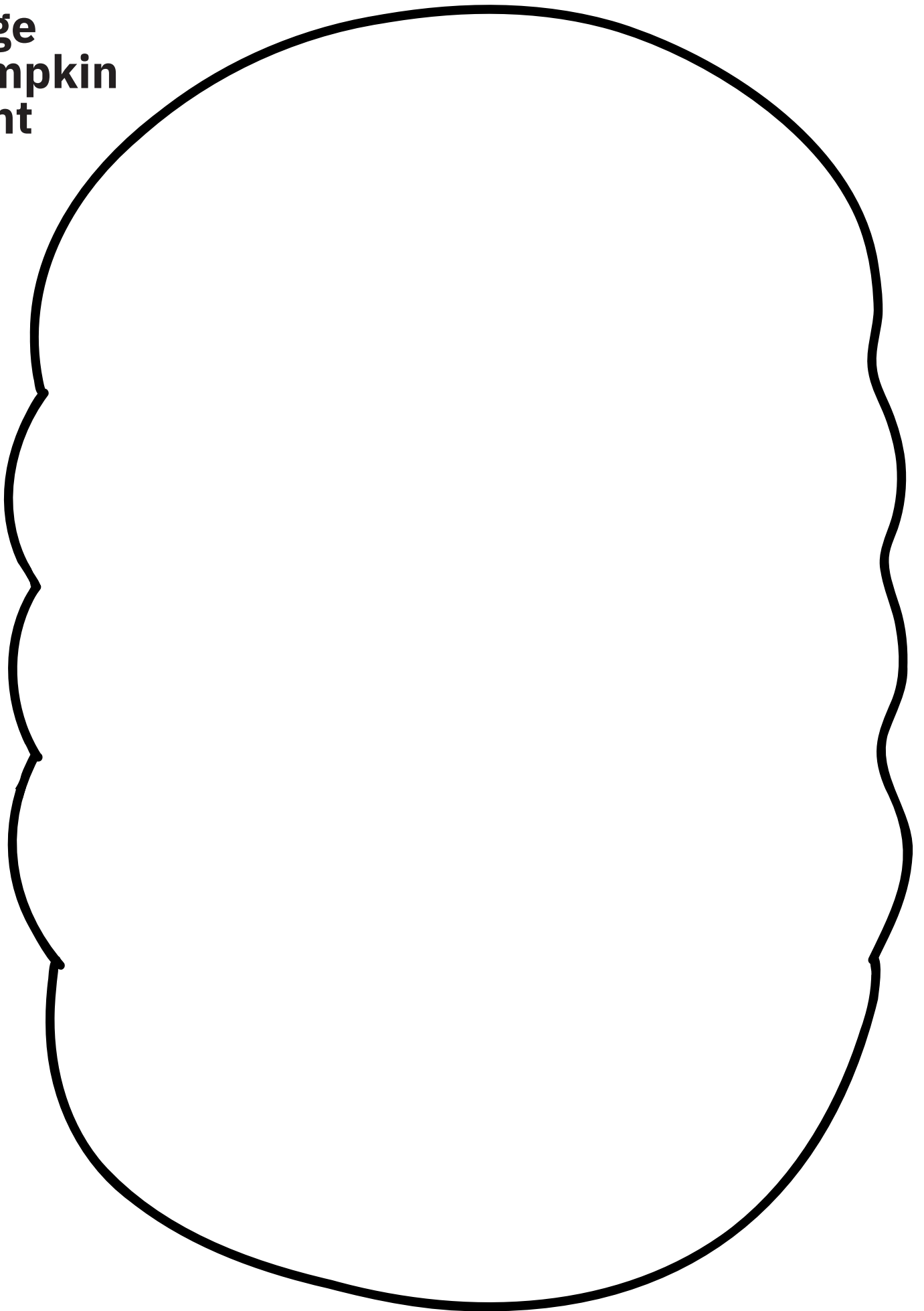
# THE GREAT PUMPKIN

## Procedures

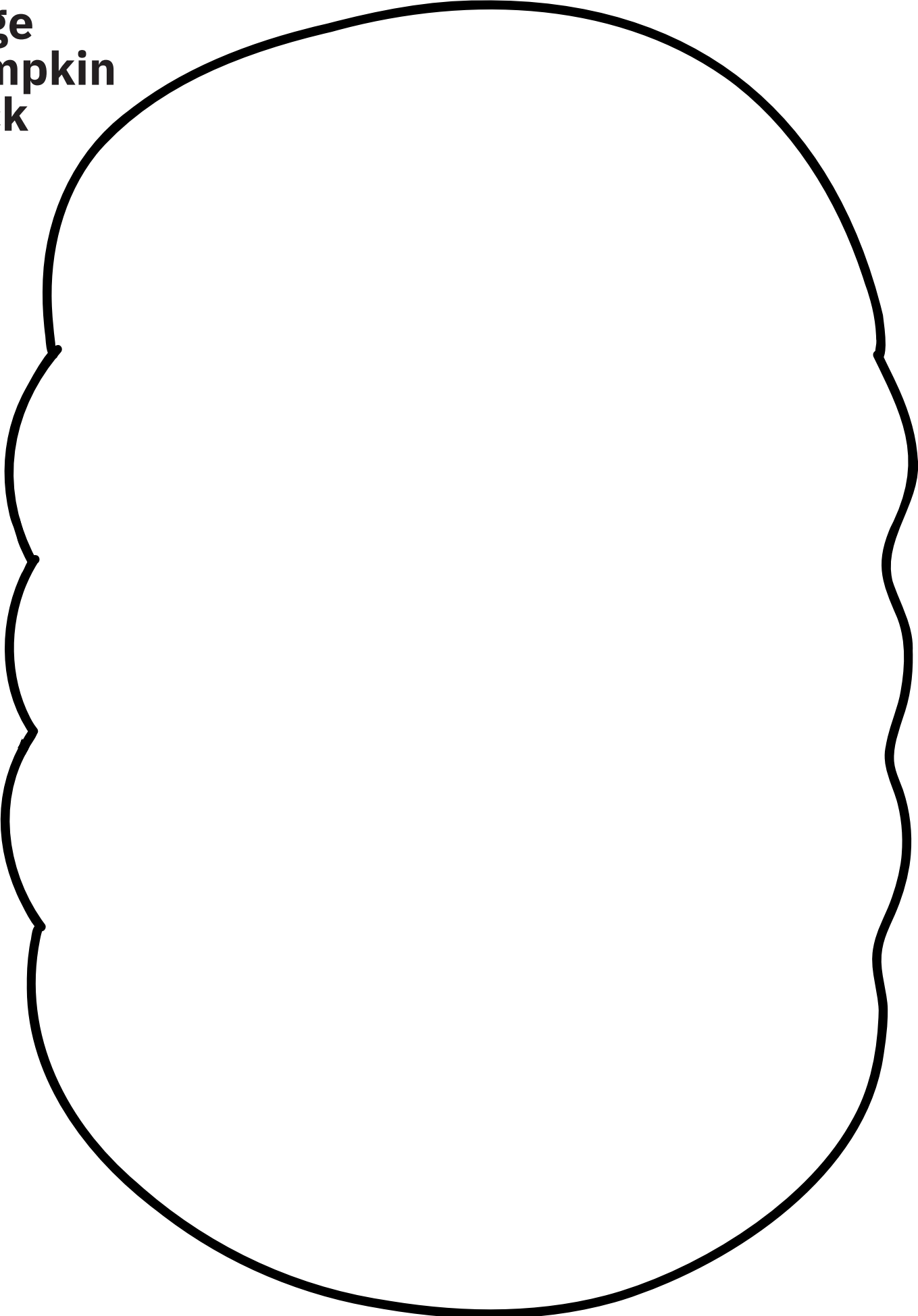
1. Print one copy of the all the parts of a pumpkin pattern for each student.
  2. Have each student draw a Jack-o-lantern face with a black marker or crayon on the outline of one of the large pumpkins. Color the rest of that pumpkin and the other large pumpkin.
  3. Discuss the life cycle of a pumpkin plant with students as they are working. First, the seed is planted. From the seed a plant sprouts, growing leaves and then orangey/yellow flowers. From the flowers, small green pumpkins form. When the pumpkins are ripe, they turn orange and can be harvested. Inside of the ripe pumpkin are many seeds which can be planted to start the cycle again.
  4. As you discuss the life cycle of the pumpkin plant, have students Color the other parts of the pumpkin.
  5. Cut the shapes out and punch a hole in the top of each one.\*
  6. Thread the yarn\* through the holes of the seed, leaf, flower, green pumpkin and orange pumpkin in the correct order of their formation on the pumpkin plant. Tie a simple knot at the top of each plant part.
  7. Staple\* the end of the yarn closest to the orange pumpkin shape to the pumpkin without the face along one of the center sides.
  8. Staple the large pumpkins together around the edges with the orange sides facing out. Leave a gap on the side where the yarn is stapled to pull the seed, leaf, flower, and growing pumpkins out with the piece of yarn. Slide the string of plant parts into the center of the Jack-o-lantern.
  9. The students can practice describing the life cycle of the pumpkin by slowly pulling the seed, leaf, flower, and growing pumpkins from the Jack-o-lantern.
- \*Use tape as an alternative to threading/stapling the yarn.

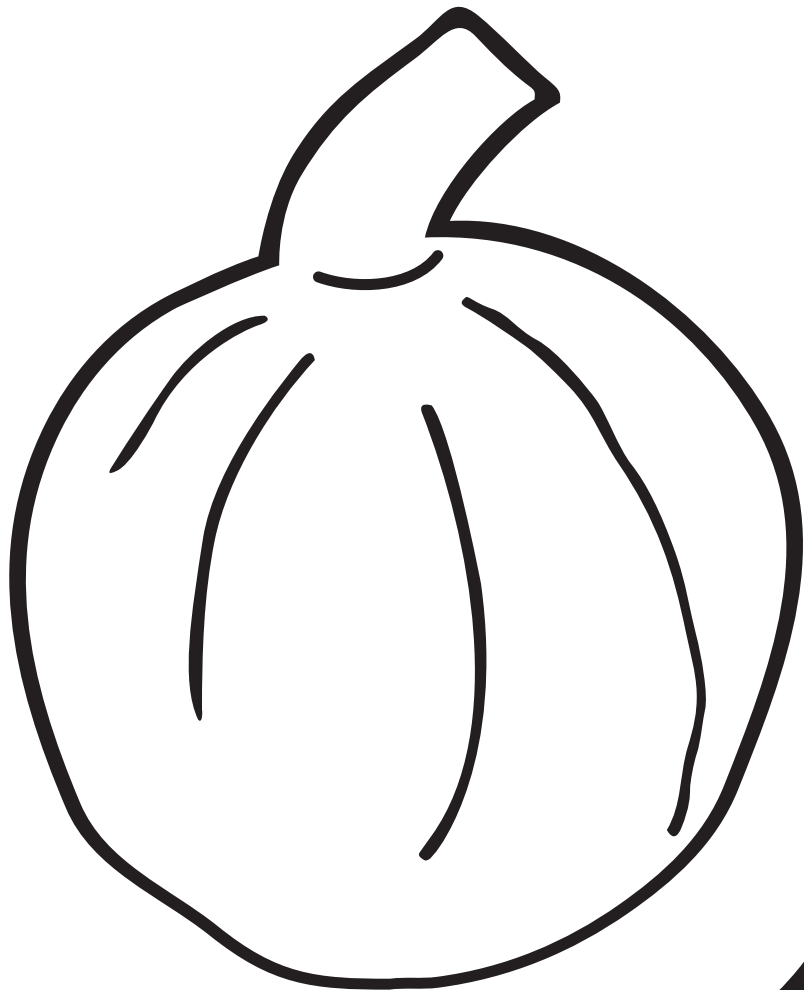


**large  
pumpkin  
front**

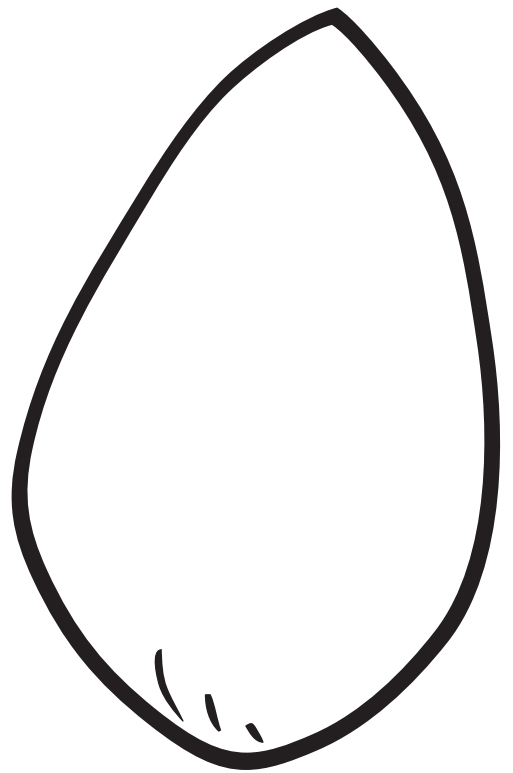


**large  
pumpkin  
back**

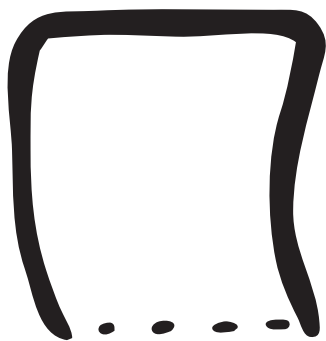




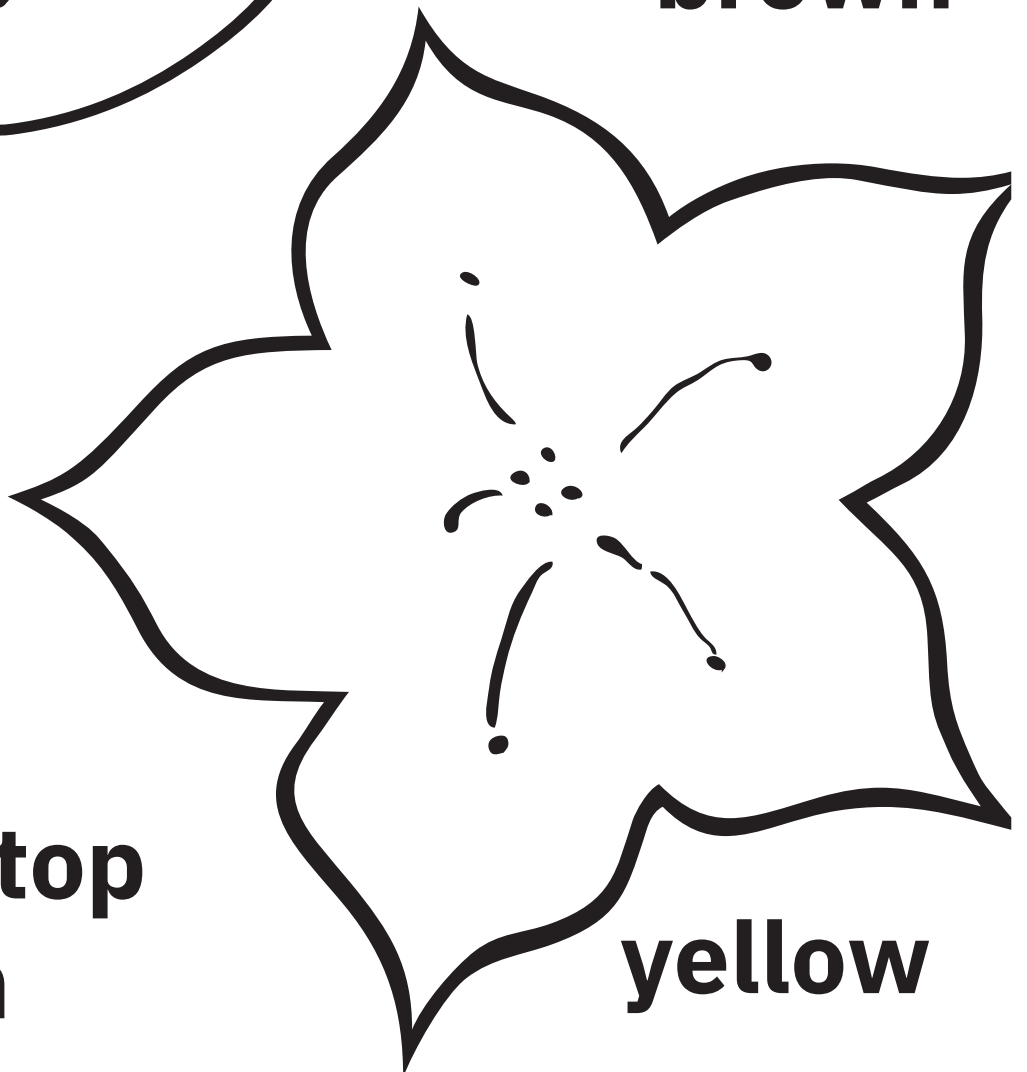
**green**



**brown**



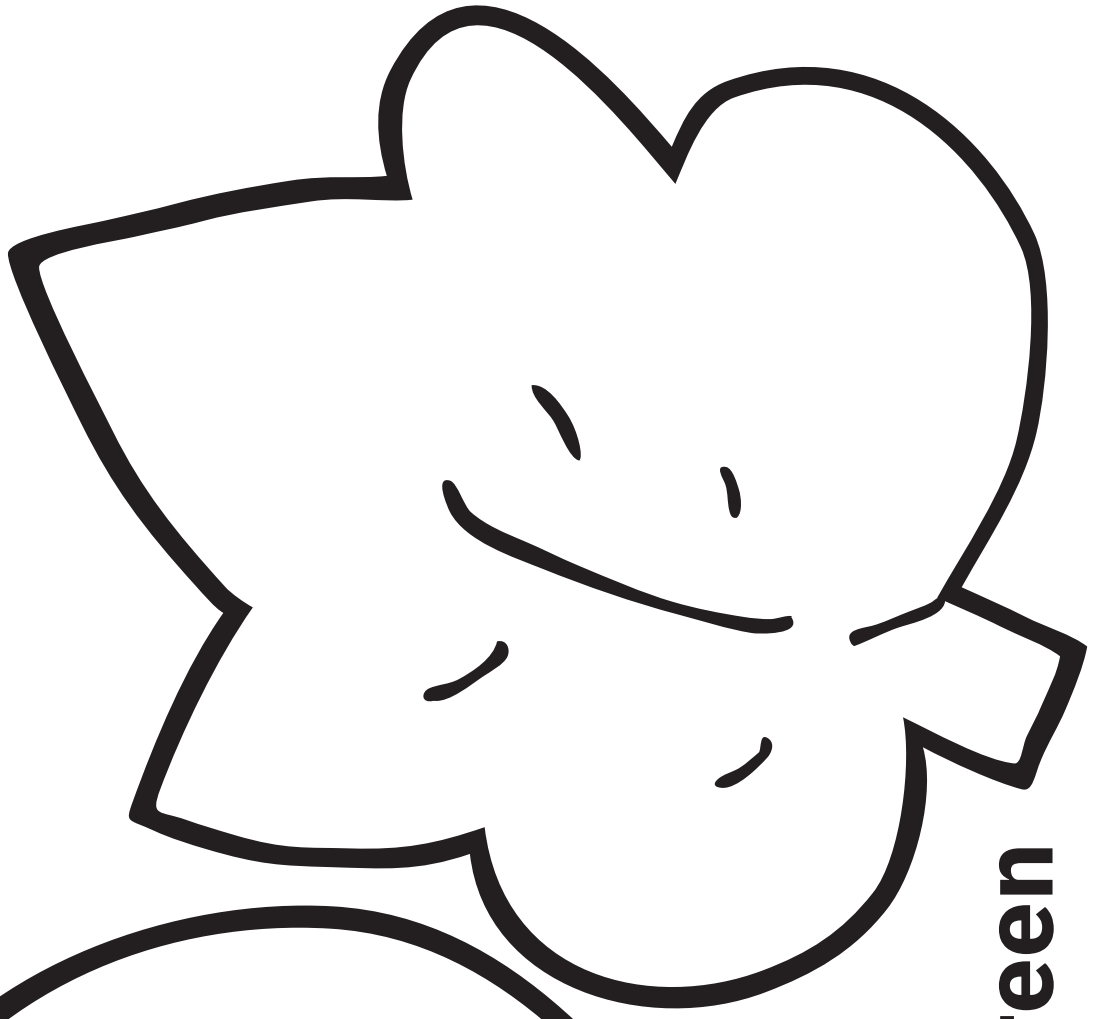
**pumpkin top  
brown**



**yellow**



**orange**



**green**