

# Activities for the Spookley Farm Program: Create Your Own "Spookley's Pumpkin Patch"



## STEP ONE: GROW A SQUARE PUMPKIN

- The key to growing a square pumpkin is to have a square-shaped mold. That mold can be made from tempered glass, durable plastic, or any other material that will hold its square form as the pumpkin grows. We have also heard of folks using wood, ceramic, and even [cardboard milk cartons](#) for their square molds, though we recommend a transparent mold so that you can monitor the pumpkin as it grows. You may want to [consider a square mold for watermelons](#), which we suspect should work for pumpkins, too, though we have not verified that it works. For additional reading on the topic, here is a [link to an interesting blog](#) about growing molded pumpkins.
- We recommend growing a few pumpkins in the square mold to ensure that at least one comes out looking nice and square!



*A Square Pumpkin Farmer Copley's in the UK*

## STEP TWO: GROW PUMPKINS OF ALL SHAPES & SIZES & COLORS

- As you know, Spookley's pumpkin patch includes pumpkins of all shapes, sizes, and colors:  
*Some were cubes, and some rectangular. Some were flat and others triangular.  
There was a bed of bright red ones, and two rows of blue.  
There were polka-dot pumpkins, and rainbow ones, too.  
There were thousands of colors and hundreds of shapes. Oh, what a garden variety makes!*
- So, have fun with different shaped molds as you bring together a variety of pumpkins in your patch! You can also bring variety and color diversity into your pumpkin patch by using different seeds. [Here is a website](#) we have found with some helpful information about different pumpkin varieties.

## (OPTIONAL BUT HIGHLY-RECOMMENDED) STEP THREE: LET YOUR VISITORS HELP!

- After sharing Spookley's story with your visitors, you may want to offer them the chance to work together to create Spookley's Pumpkin Patch at your farm. For example, you can:
  - Give children a chance to go out into the patch and find special-shaped pumpkins
  - Set up an arts and crafts station where children can paint their own pumpkins and add decorations (e.g., googly eyes)

## FINAL STEP: SHARE SPOOKLEY'S PUMPKIN PATCH WITH YOUR VISITORS

- There are many different ways to display Spookley's pumpkin patch, including:
  - Displaying all of the special pumpkins together in your story-telling area, throughout your kiddie corn maze, or in another specially-designated area of the patch
  - Hiding the special pumpkins throughout the pumpkin patch and sending children on a mission to find the special pumpkins

Wherever you place the special-shaped pumpkins, please consider using the display as an opportunity to teach about diversity and kindness! For more information, visit [www.PACER.org/Bullying](http://www.PACER.org/Bullying)



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