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THE GREAT PUMPKIN

Tips on Carving and Keeping One

- Draw your design on the pumpkin with a water-based marker beforehand.
- Cut the lid at an inward angle with a sharp, straight-edged knife. This prevents the top from falling into the pumpkin when it shrinks.
- When carving, keep a portion of the knife blade in the pumpkin and use slow, steady saw strokes.
- Carve the facial features closest to the center first and work outward. Cut out the larger features in sections.
- Flatten a spot at the base of the pumpkin for the candle but avoid digging too deep because the pumpkin becomes prone to rot.
- The best way to make a carved pumpkin last longer is to slow down the dehydration process. Using a Q-tip or your fingers, apply petroleum jelly to the cut edges on the face that you've carved. This will help to seal in moisture and slow down the dehydration

Buckeyes

- 1 1/2 cups peanut butter
- 6 cups powdered sugar
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 4 cups semisweet chocolate chips

- Blend peanut butter, sugar, butter, and vanilla (dough will look dry).
- Roll into 1 inch balls and place on a wax paper lined cookie sheet.
- Poke a toothpick into the top of each ball (to be used later as the handle for dipping) and chill in freezer until hard (1/2 hour).
- Melt chocolate chips in the top of a double boiler (use very low heat, not much hotter than tap water or the chocolate will get grainy, this will take a while).
- Dip frozen peanut butter balls in chocolate holding onto the toothpick. Leave a small portion of peanut butter showing at the top to make them look like Buckeyes.
- Put back on the wax paper lined cookie sheet and refrigerate 2 hours.

(from allrecipes.com)



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Fees & Points:	.5	.6	.7	.7



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