## Make your own book pumpkin!

Supplies

- One paperback book
- One wine cork
- A piece of pre cut ribbon
- 2 paper clips
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue

Step 1: Carefully remove the front and back cover of your paperback book.

Step 2: On the first page of your book, carefully sketch out the edge of your pumpkin. Make it look like a slightly irregular circle, this will become the shape of your pumpkin once you cut the extra. Make sure you're happy



with the shape since this will become your cutting template. The shape of it is completely up to you! Do not add a stem into your sketch because the wine cork will be the stem.

Step 3: Cut the first page by following the outline you made.

Step 4: Use the template page to trace the next page with your pencil and separate the drawn page and a few pages behind it. Carefully use the scissors to cut the pages along the line. Limit the number of pages you cut at one time to about 5-8, depending on the sharpness of your scissors. If you stack too many pages, it may not cut through them cleanly.

Step 5: Continue cutting until you reach the end of the book. Use the two paper clips to connect the two sides together along the spine. You may also want to glue the two end pages together for a better hold. Use the binder clip to hold your book while the glue dries. Let dry at least 24 hours with binder clip attached to ensure a tight hold.

Step 6: Get creative and make a unique pumpkin! You can add leaves to the top made out of book pages, decorative dollar store leaves, or anything else you want to decorate with. Secure the wine cork with glue or tape and then tie the ribbon on.

Take a picture of your completed pumpkin and share it on social media! Tag us using #AlamedaFreeLibrary