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Grow a Pumpkin



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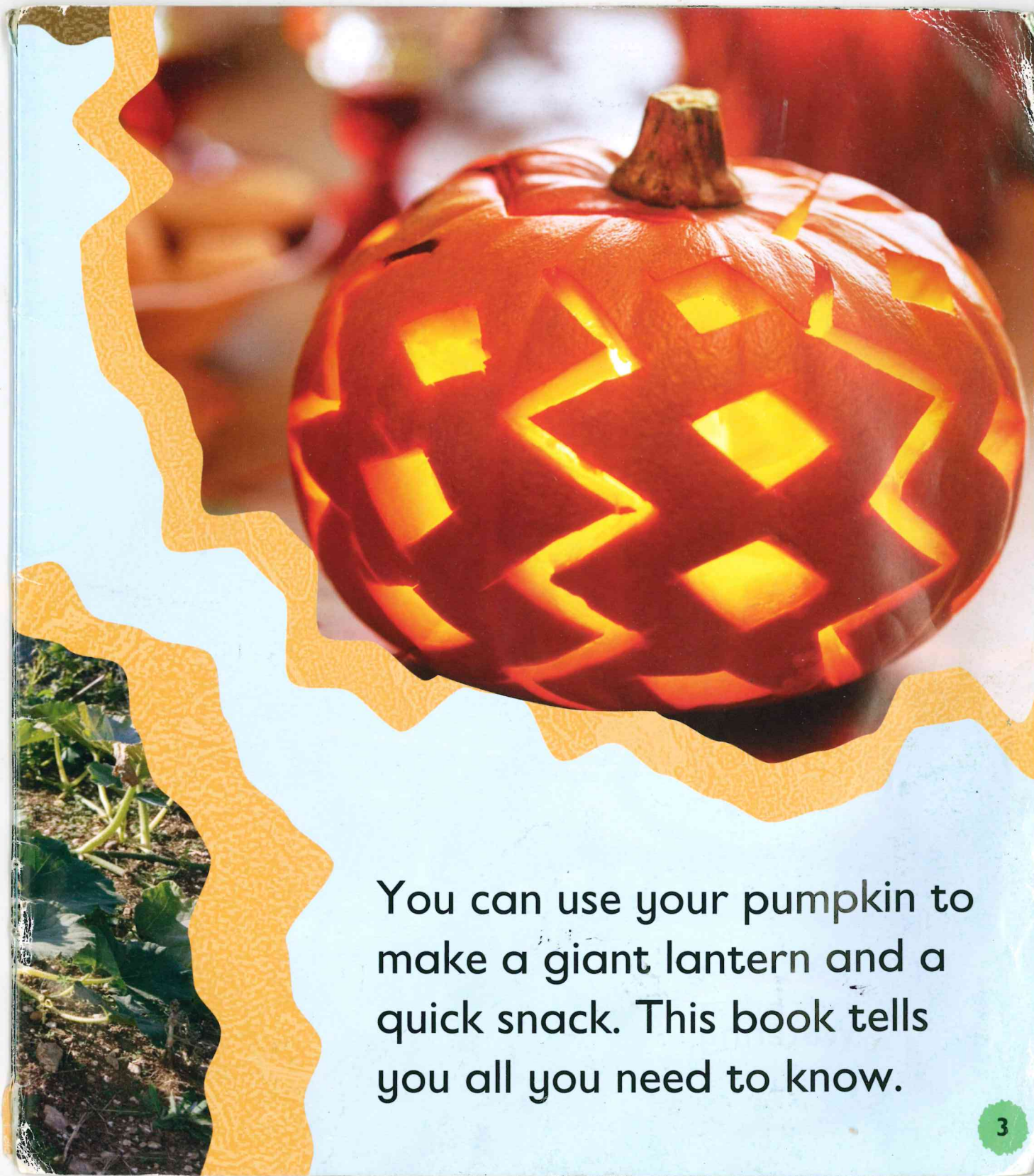
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Why grow pumpkins?

It's good fun growing pumpkins.

They grow like mad!





You can use your pumpkin to make a giant lantern and a quick snack. This book tells you all you need to know.

Getting started

What do you need to grow pumpkins?

Sunny patch of ground

Pumpkin seeds

Watering can





Garden fork
and spade

Manure

Plant
food

First, get your ground ready. Dig a hole and fill it with manure. Put the earth back on top to make a low 'hill'.



Did you know?

You should plant your seeds in the spring.

Sowing your seeds

Sow three seeds in your 'hill'.
Lay each seed on its side about
3 cm under the ground.





Put a jar over each seed. This will protect the seedlings from slugs and snails.



Did you know?

Slugs and snails could eat all your seedlings in just one night!

Looking after the plants

Your plants will grow very quickly and flowers will soon appear. When the petals have dropped off, the pumpkins start to grow.



Pumpkin plants are very thirsty
so give them plenty of water.
Add plant food to
the water every
week or so.

You can eat
pumpkin flowers!



Look at them grow!

Your pumpkins will keep growing all summer long.

1 The pumpkin seed is sprouting.



2 Now it is a small plant. Flowers are growing!

3

A pumpkin is starting to grow.

very small pumpkin



4

The pumpkin is getting bigger ...



5

... and bigger!



The ripe pumpkin

Put some wood under your pumpkin to protect it from the damp ground. Turn it gently now and then so the sun helps to ripen every part.



At the end of the summer, your pumpkin will be ripe and ready. Cut through the stalk with a sharp knife.



Knives are sharp. Ask an adult to help!



Make a lantern

Did you know that pumpkins
make fantastic lanterns?
This is what you need:

newspaper

teaspoon

perfect
pumpkin

pen



large bowl




short, sharp
knife



candle



tablespoon



Ask an adult to
help you make your
lantern.

Step 1

Spread newspaper on a table.
Cut a hole around the stalk of
the pumpkin so you can put
your hand inside.



Step 2

Pull out all the seeds and flesh and put them in the bowl. Use a spoon to scrape out the insides.



Step 3

Draw a pattern on your pumpkin.



Step 4

Carefully cut out the shapes.



Step 5

Mark a circle the size of your candle in the bottom of the pumpkin.
Hollow it out with the spoon.





Step 6

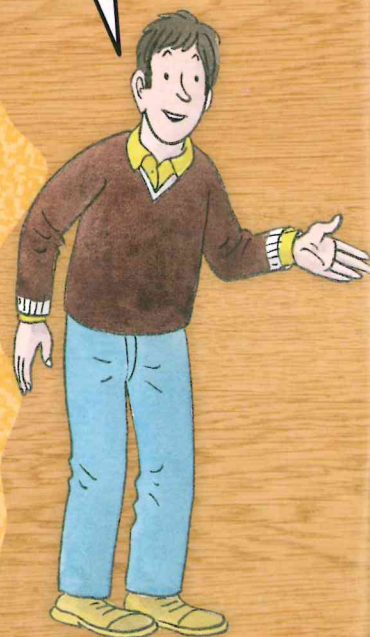
Put your candle in the hollow.
Light it, and put the stalk back
on top of the pumpkin.

Ask an
adult to light
the candle!

A pumpkin snack

Roasted pumpkin seeds
make a good snack.

Ovens are very
hot! Make this
with an adult.



You need:

kitchen
paper

tin

cooking oil

salt

tablespoon

pumpkin
seeds

Step 1

Wash and dry
the seeds.



Step 2

Spread them out on a tin.



Step 3

Pour on a tablespoon of oil and sprinkle with salt.



Step 3

Roast the seeds at 150°C until they are golden-brown.



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