# The Great Pumpkin Story!

Have each student draw a Jack-O-Lantern face with a black Magic Marker on the colored side of one of the paper plates.

Staple the paper plates together around the edges with the orange sides facing outward.  Make sure to leave enough space on one side of the pumpkin to pull the seed, leaves, flower and growing pumpkins out with the piece of yarn.

Trace the paper patterns onto the construction paper, using the appropriate colors.  You may also copy the pattern directly onto the construction paper if you have access to a copy machine.  Cut them out and punch a hole in the top of each one.

Thread the piece of yarn through the holes punched in the newly created paper patterns (you may need to tie a simple knot carefully at the top of each one).  The seed, leaf, flower, green pumpkin and orange pumpkin should be tied together in the correct order of their formation on the pumpkin plant.
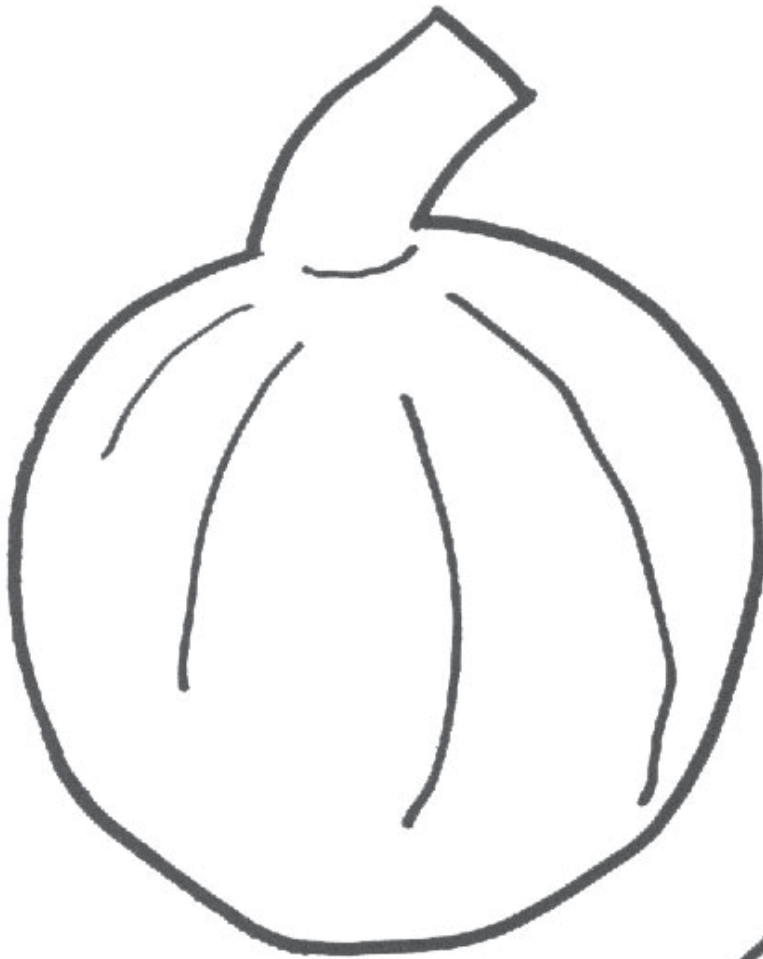
Carefully slide the string of plant parts into the center of the Jack-O-Lantern.  Staple the pumpkin top to the back of the Jack-O-Lantern.

Now you can describe the whole life cycle of the pumpkin by slowly pulling the seed, leaf, flower and growing pumpkins from the Jack-O-Lantern.
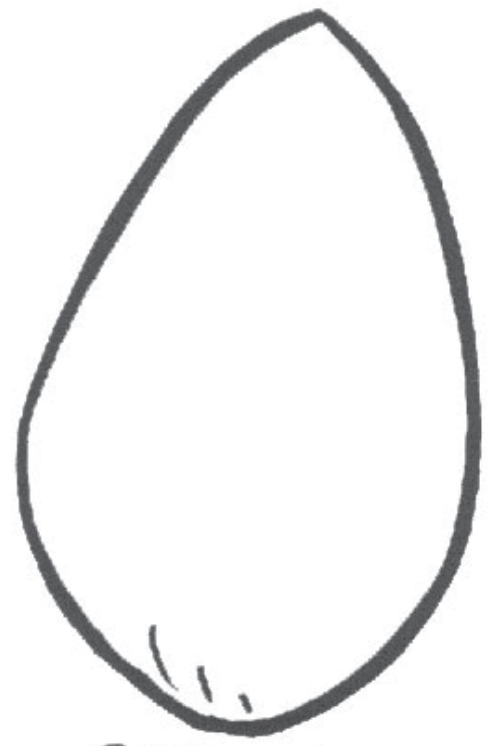
## Materials

- ☑ 2 orange paper plates for each student
- ☑ Black Magic Markers
- ☑ Green Yarn, an arm-length strand for each student
- ☑ Construction paper (colors needed: brown, green, yellow, orange)
- ☑ Paper patterns (pg. 18-19)
- ☑ Hole punch
- ☑ Stapler
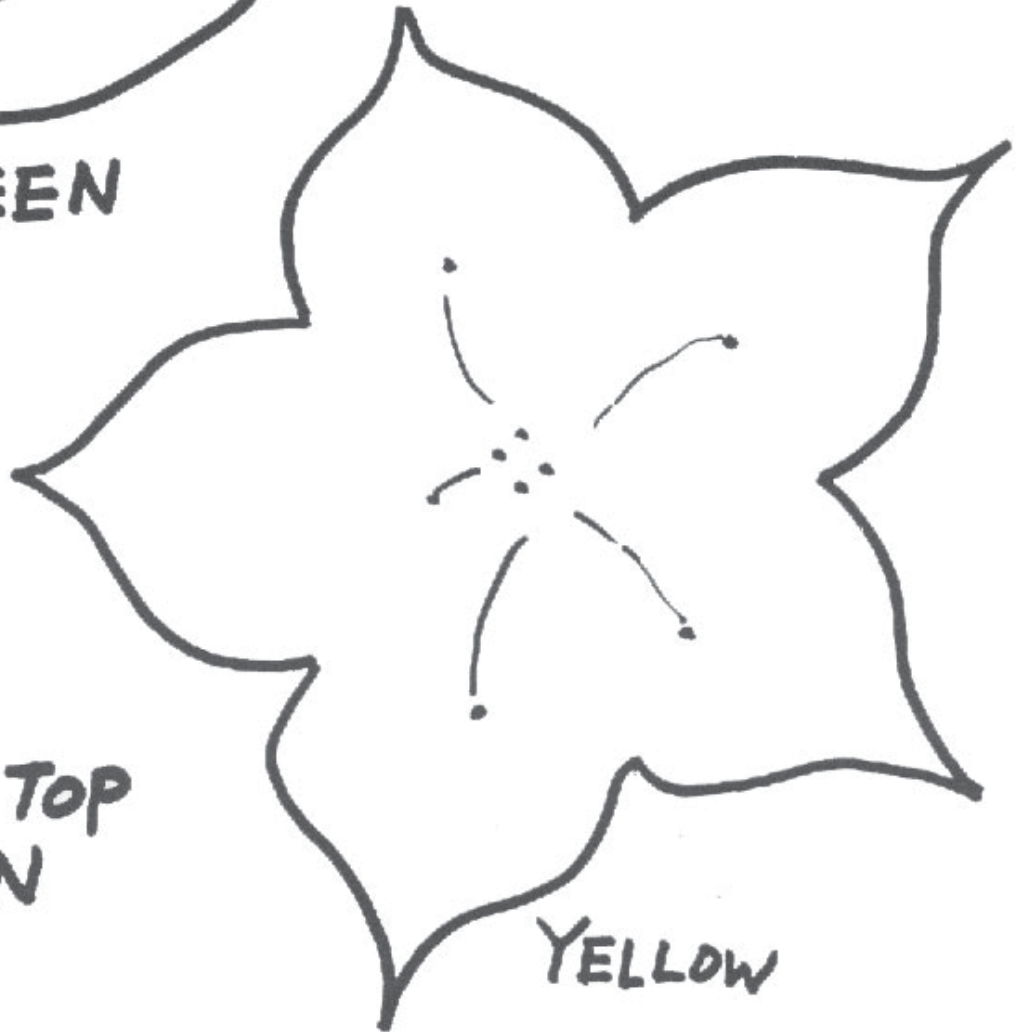- ☑ Scissors, enough for more than one student to use at one time.

GREEN

BROWN

PUMPKIN TOP
GREEN

YELLOW

GREEN

ORANGE