



Paper Bag Pumpkin Faces with Personality

Objective:

Encourage children to explore **self-expression, creativity, and emotional awareness** through art and storytelling — while tying it into **musical play**.

Materials

- Brown or orange paper lunch bags
- Orange tempera paint (or crayons for quicker setup)
- Paintbrushes or sponges
- Black and green markers, acrylic paints, or pastels, various paint brushes
- Optional: googly eyes, yarn, stickers, pipe cleaners, or tissue paper for hair and vines



Tip: Pre-fold the tops of the bags and open them slightly so little hands can paint more easily.



Instructions

1. Paint the Pumpkin:

Children paint their paper bags orange. While drying, sing a pumpkin song or review the "Five Little Pumpkins" rhyme.

2. Add the Face:

Invite children to paint or draw a face — happy, silly, sleepy, surprised, or shy! Encourage them to talk about how their pumpkin might be feeling.

3. Give It Personality:

Prompt each child to share:

- "What is your pumpkin's name?"
- "What makes your pumpkin happy?"
- "Can your pumpkin dance or sing?"
- "What kind of voice does your pumpkin have?"



Encourage them to demonstrate! It's great for vocal exploration and confidence.

4. Make It Move:

Use the pumpkin bags as **puppets** or **props** for music time. Have children move their pumpkin to the beat or dance with it. Review "Five Little Pumpkins," choosing five children to act out the rhyme. The entire class can participate in reciting the wind section with their unique pumpkin voice.

Extension Ideas

- **Pumpkin Parade:** March or move to a rhythm with your pumpkin friends.
 -  **Pumpkin Chat Circle:** Each pumpkin introduces itself in a funny or musical voice.
 -  **Story Connection:** Pair with *"Five Little Pumpkins"* or *"Too Many Pumpkins."*
 - **Learning Links:** Builds fine motor skills, imagination, and early emotional literacy.
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✨ *Classroom Jamboree Tip:* Display the pumpkins on a fall-themed shelf or have them "sit" in a paper patch for a cozy classroom corner. Children will love revisiting their pumpkin personalities throughout the season and singing a song to their created pumpkin.

Note: These instructions were generated through ChatGPT for Classroom Jamboree. Enjoy!