

Easy 3D Paper Pumpkins for Fall



How to make 3D paper pumpkins

Watch the video below on the website to find out how make 3D paper pumpkins from strips of paper.

Paper pumpkin craft project & materials

Here is a list of the materials that I used to make this project.

- Orange cardstock
- Metal brads
- Glue stick
- Scraps of green cardstock
- Autumn leaf embellishments
- Thumbtack to make holes and something to protect your work surface (I used an old piece of packaging foam)

How to make a pumpkin out of strips of paper

Step 1: Cut the paper strips

Cut your orange card into strips that are all the same width and length.

The amount of strips you will need depends on the width and length you are making them.

I cut A3 card lengthways and 1.5 inch in width, and used 6 strips for a medium-sized pumpkin.

For smaller card, e.g. A4 or US letter, try cutting it at 1 inch in width instead to make it a little easier to put together.



Step 2: Prick holes in the ends of the paper strips

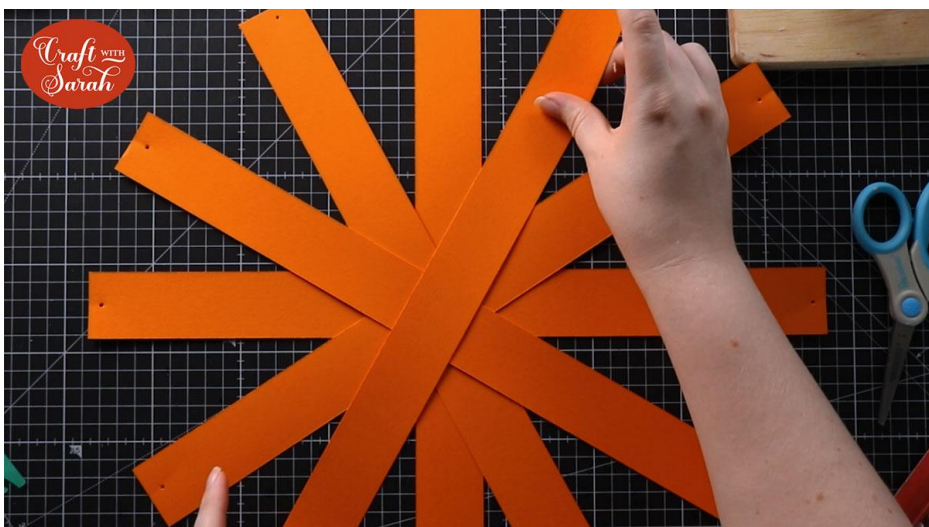
Use a pricking tool, weeding tool or similar to put a small hold in both ends of each strip of card.

I did this on a piece of old packaging foam to protect my work surface and to have a “squidgy” surface to help the weeding tool pierce the card easier.



Step 3: Position the card strips

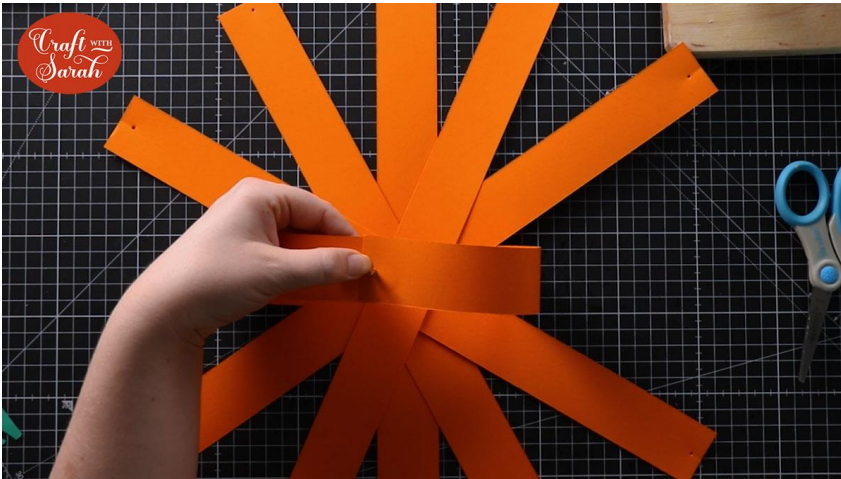
Place your strips of card in a “star” position where they are all overlapping.



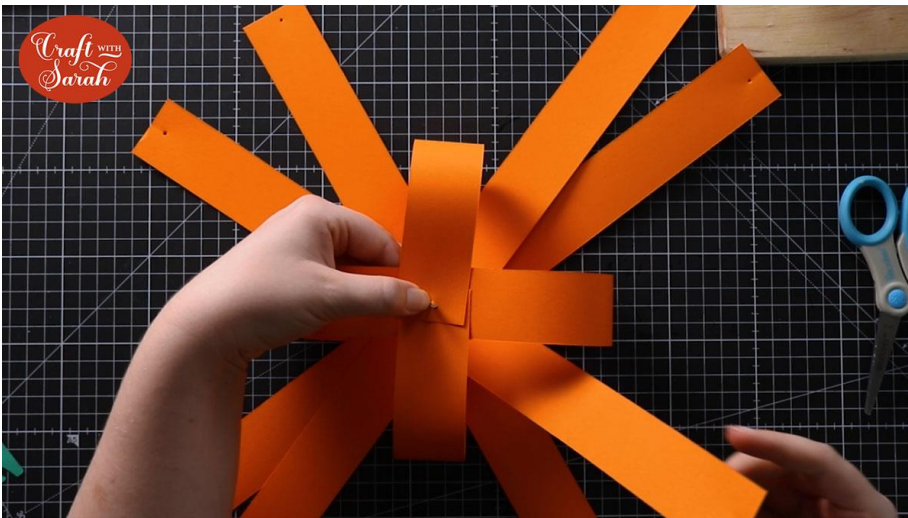
Step 4: Create the paper pumpkin shape

Starting with one of the strips at the bottom of the pile, pull up each of the edges and thread a brad through the holes.

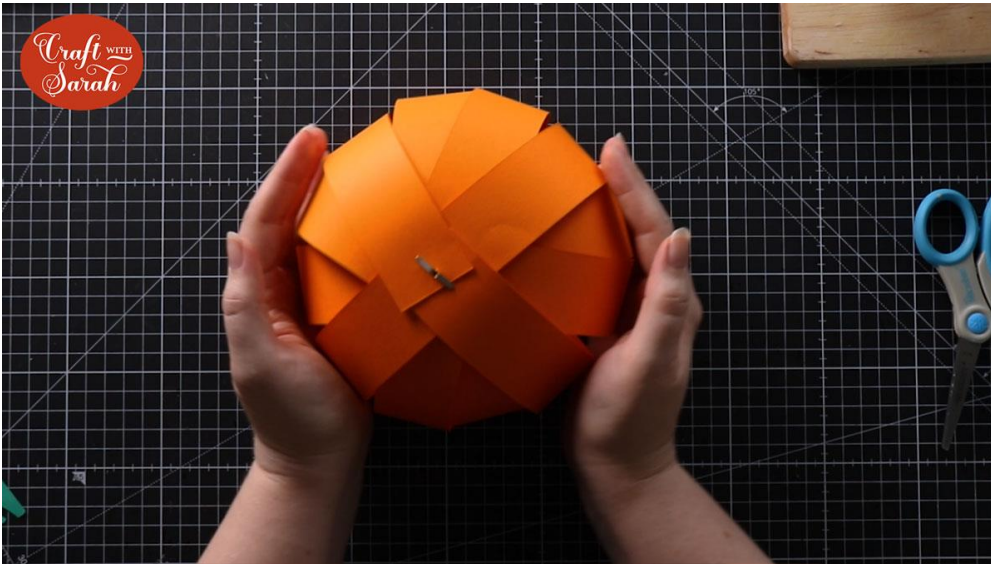
The “circular” head part of the brad should be at the bottom, so you are poking the end bits up through the paper strips.



Take the next strip of paper and thread each of the sides of that one onto the brad.



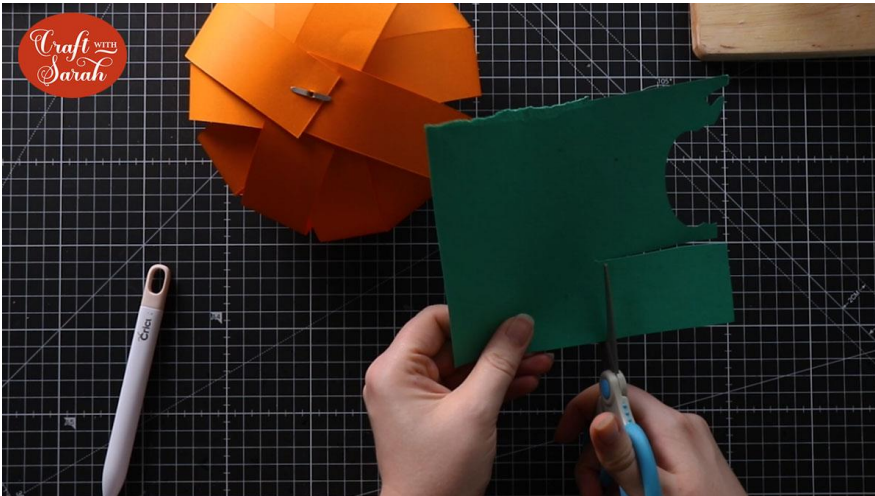
Continue until all the strips are threaded onto the brad, then close up the brad to seal all the strips in place.



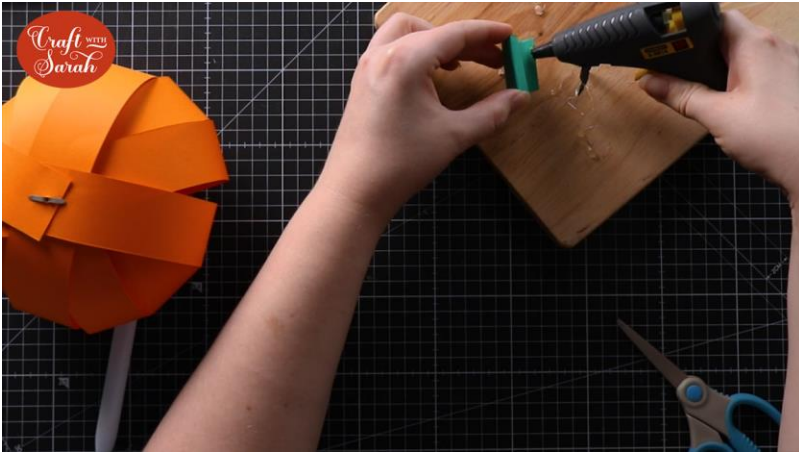
You may need to move the strips around a bit to get them into the correct position.

Step 5: Add the pumpkin stalk

Cut a small rectangle of green card.



Roll it up into a “stalk” shape and glue down.



Put some glue on the top of the pumpkin, over the brad, and stick the stalk on top. (You can cut slits into one end of the stem shape and glue or tape those down onto the pumpkin.)



Step 6: Decorate the pumpkin

Stick on material leaves or other embellishments to decorate the pumpkin.



Once the glue is dry, your paper pumpkin is finished!!

I made several different ones from different sizes and colours of card to make a “pumpkin patch” collection to decorate my craft room.

For the largest size, I glued two strips of card together to make “extra long” strips 😊



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