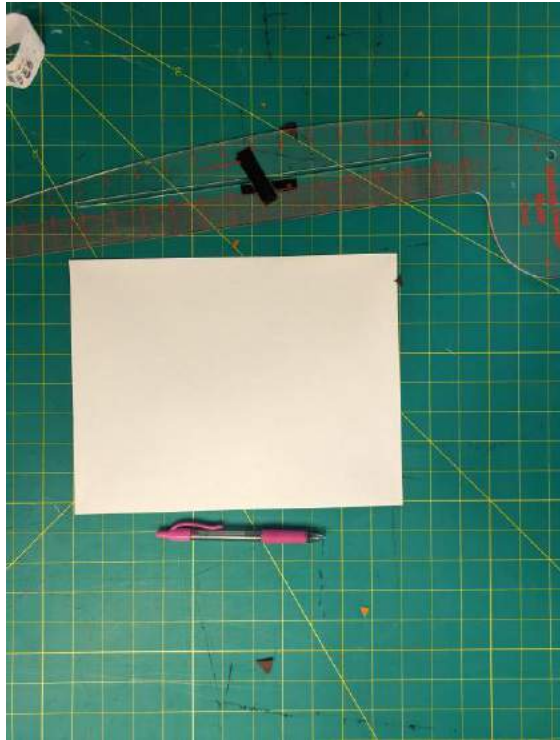
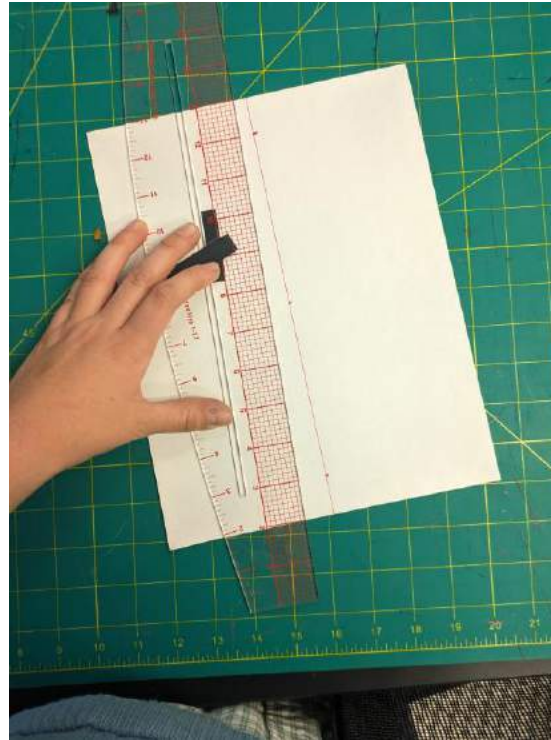


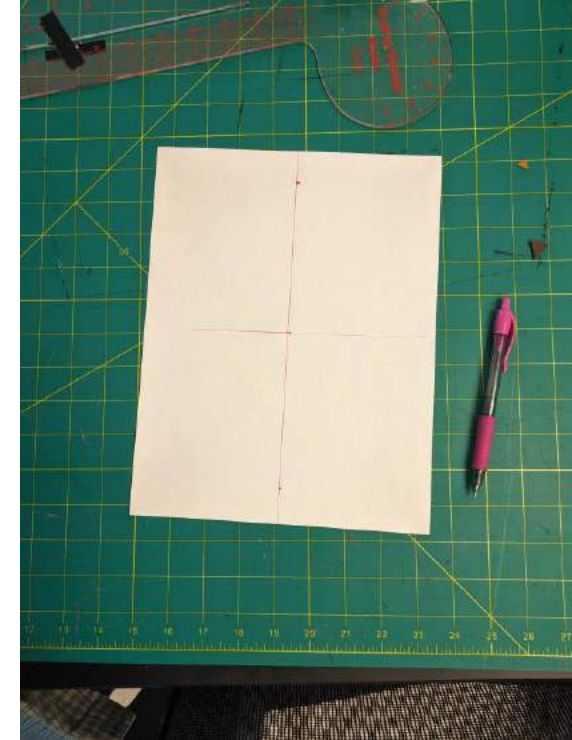
Drafting the Pattern



Pattern Drafting Tools: Fine-tip pen, 8.5" X 11" paper, and pattern curve

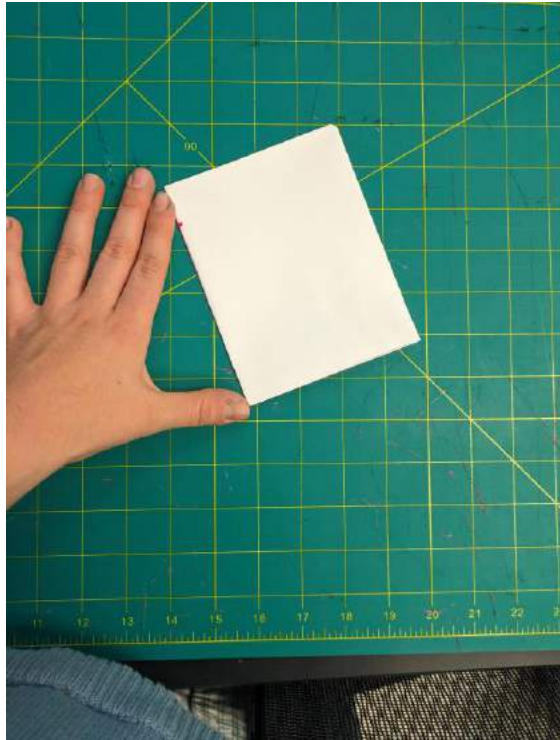


Draw a centerline lengthwise.
Measure the height of the pumpkin.
Recommended length is between 5" and 8" . Mark the Midpoint.

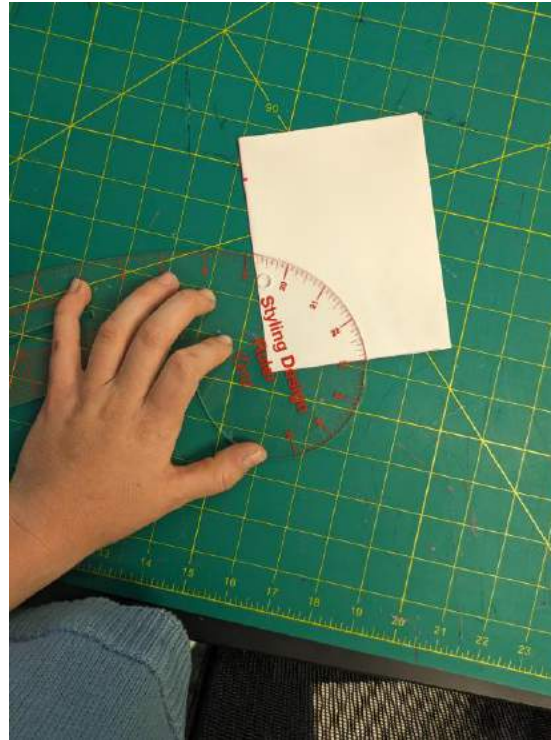


Draw a straight line through the midpoint, and perpendicular to the centerline. Mark the width of the pumpkin. Recommended width is no more than half the height.

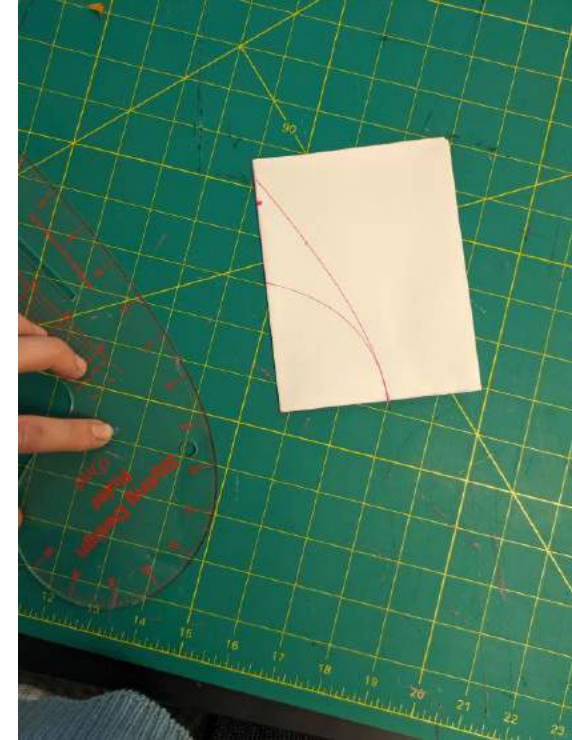
Drafting the Pattern, Part 2



Fold Paper into quarters by folding along the long axis and short axis.

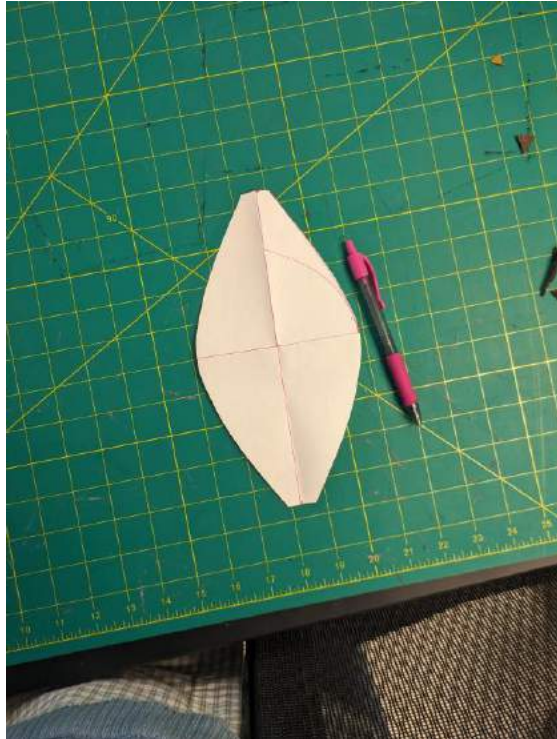


Use the curved part of the design tool to draw a quarter circle.

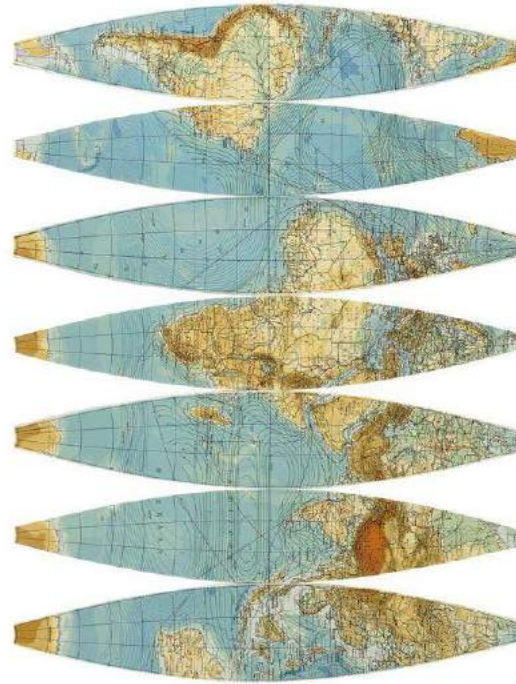


Draw another line tangent to the quarter circle. Flatten the top of the shape. Ensure that the top is at least 0.375" wide.

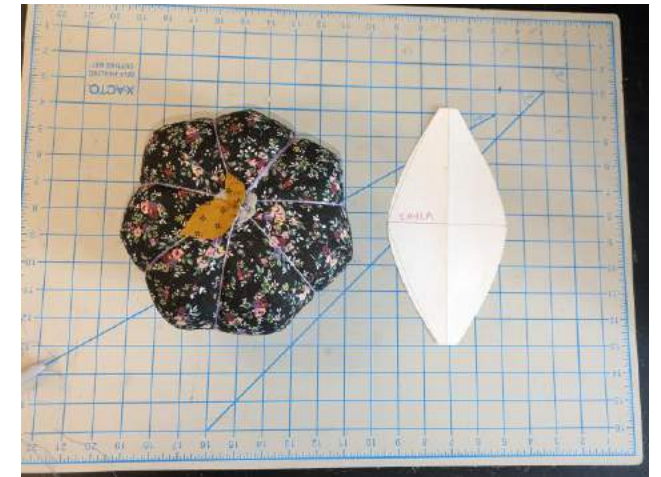
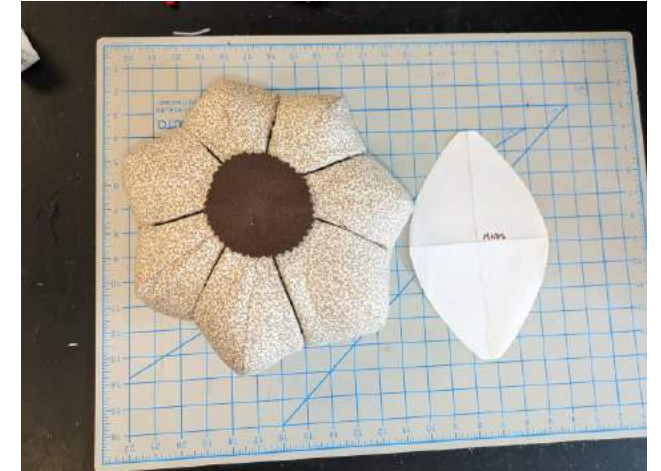
Drafting the Pattern, Part 3



Cut along the outer curved line you drew. Unfold to reveal a football shape. This pattern will be repeated 7 times to form a globe-like shape.



Don't believe me? This is a historical pattern used in the production of globes. The proportion of your pattern will change the roundness of your pumpkin. Skinnier footballs produce a more globe-like shape, while wider footballs will produce a star-like shape.



Cutting out the pattern from fabric



Fold the fabric in half. Line up a pattern centerline with the straight edge of the fabric. This ensures that the pattern will be cut on the "straight of grain."



Trace the pattern with chalk. Add pins inside the marked shape after tracing. This will secure the layers of fabric during the cutting process.



Repeat this step until you have created 7 cut-outs. Additionally, cut out 2 small circles and a small rectangle to form the top, bottom, and stem of the pumpkin.

Stitch the pumpkin together



Pin two pieces together along one curved edge. Keep the right sides together. Create 3 sets of two. There should be one fabric piece left out of the group.



Sew the pinned size the pairs together. Use a 0.25" - 0.375" seam allowance. A good way to estimate this is to follow the fabric edge with the edge of the sewing foot.



Continue to sew the pairs together on one edge, until all 7 pieces are joined. Do not sew the seventh seam, leaving the pumpkin open.

Alter Seams



When all six of the seams are complete, cut small triangles into the most curved part of the seam. This process is known as "notching," which will make the look nicer when turned inside out.



Press the curved seams open using a tailor's ham.



Sew the final, eighth seam to connect the two ends of the pumpkin. Be sure to notch this seam and gently press.

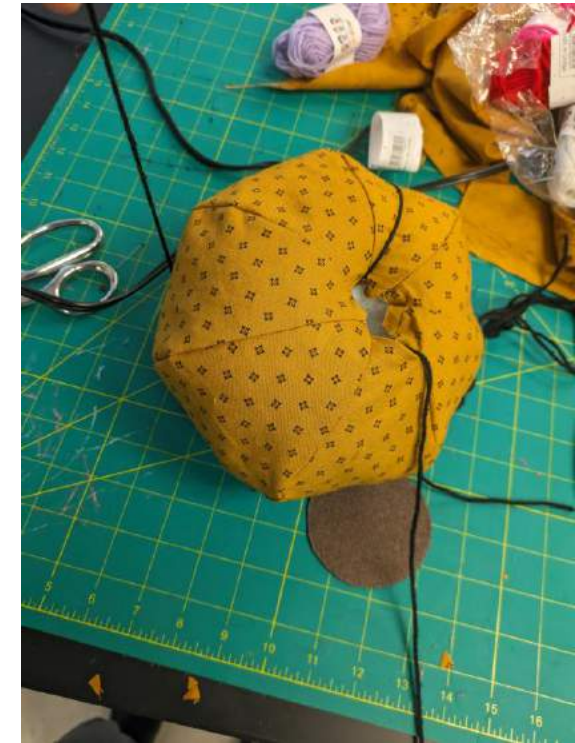
Stuff and shape the pumpkin



Turn the fabric so that the seams face inward and right side of the fabric faces outward.



Stuff the pumpkin through the top and bottom openings. Gently shape the stuffing by rolling the pumpkin around in your hands.



Add circular loops through the top and bottom holes to create ridges in the pumpkin.

Decorating and finishing the pumpkin.



Stitch together the rectangle to form a small stem.



Cut triangles from one of the circles (optional).



Hand stitch the top and bottom circles to the pumpkin over the openings.

All Done!

