



# Crafty Adults

## *Creative You!* craft kit

Adult crafters!! Get creative and enjoy a fun, carefree, and stress-relieving activity with our *Creative You!* craft kit.

Each kit contains supplies & a step-by-step guide to help you with the craft's creation.

(We'd love to see your finished craft! Share it using #hendersonlibraries in your Instagram posts or stories, or you can share photos on our Facebook post).

## Mini Braided Pumpkin

As the seasons change and leaves begin to fall, we hope you'll enjoy creating this fun & creative handmade mini braided pumpkin – perfect for your Autumn decorations!



### Your craft kit includes:

- 1 Mini foam pumpkin
- 8 Pre-cut bundles of thick yarn (orange or green)
- 1 Faux greenery stem
- 1 Cork stopper

### Additional supplies needed:

- Hot glue gun
- String
- Exacto knife
- Scissors
- Clip board
- Ruler or measuring tape
- Pencil



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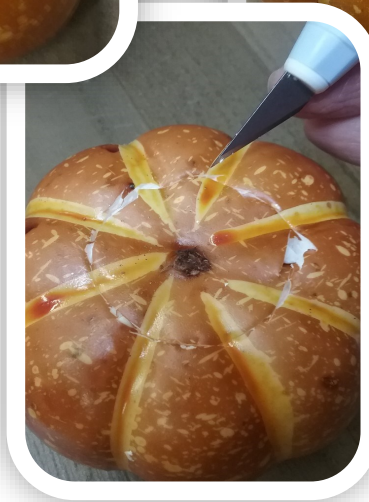
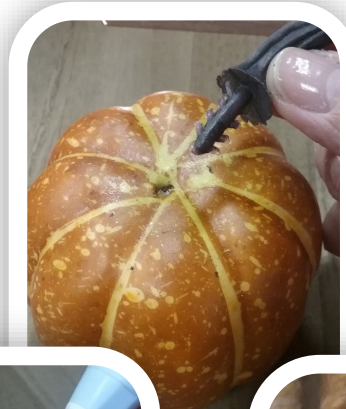
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### Mini Braided Pumpkin: Step-by-step guide

#### Step #1: Prepare your foam pumpkin

- Remove the foam pumpkin's stem simply by pulling it out.
- Turn the pumpkin upside-down.
- At the center, measure and draw a circle 1 1/2 inches wide.
- Now, take an exacto knife & carve out the circle.
- Next you'll carve the hole at least 1 1/2 inches deep into your foam pumpkin as you will need to tuck the ends of your yarn braids into this hole – so make sure it's nice & deep!





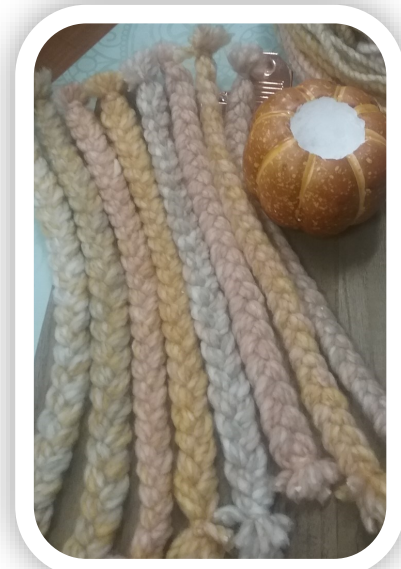
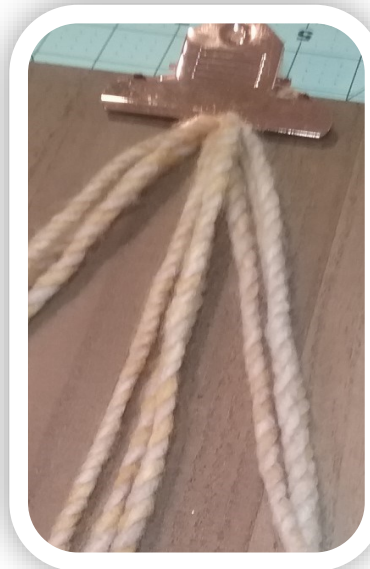
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### **Step #2: Braid your yarn**

Each kit has 72 pre-cut thick yarn strings (measured at 16 inches in length) which are knotted into 8 bundles, & each bundle consists of 9 yarn strings – you'll be using 3 yarn strings per braided section.

- To begin, take a yarn bundle & untie the knot.
- Position the yarn bundle strings so that they're all the same length.
- Take a piece of your regular string & tie off one end of your yarn bundle with a knot (I double-knotted mine just to make sure the knots stayed tight).
- Take your clipboard & place the tied end of your yarn bundle under the clip & begin your braiding.
- Be sure to braid the full length of your yarn, & tie it with another piece of regular string.
- Now, take your scissors & trim the ends—you don't want them to be too long.
- Repeat this process for all 8 of your thick yarn bundles.



After braiding & trimming the yarn, the length will be shortened to about 13 inches, making your braids the perfect length to wrap around the pumpkin & tuck into the hole you've cut out.



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### Step #3: Wrap your pumpkin

Now you can begin wrapping your braided yarn around your pumpkin!

**NOTE:** In order for all of the braided ends to fit into the hole, be sure to hot glue them as close to the bottom of the hole as you can.

- Start by applying a dab of hot glue towards the bottom of the hole.
- Press the end of a braid into the dab of hot glue for a moment until it sticks. **(Be careful! Don't burn yourself!)**
- Now you can wrap the braid around the foam pumpkin, tightly pulling the end around & back to the hole.
- Dab another dot of hot glue in the hole & press the end of the braid for a moment until it sticks as well.
- Repeat this process with all of your braids, wrapping & positioning them next to each other, covering the surface of the foam pumpkin.
- Once all of your braids are positioned around your pumpkin (yay!) insert the greenery stem & then the cork stopper into the hole (with dabs of hot glue for each). Your braids will have taken up most of the room in the hole so you'll have to apply some pressure to make them stick (you can do it!).



That's it (whew!) ...you did it! 😊 You've now created a decorative handmade item that you can keep or give as a gift.