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## Y Sied Offer – The Tool Shed

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# Air Dry Clay Pumpkins



Air Dry clay is a cheap modelling material that can be bought from any craft shop. Because it doesn't need an oven to cure and become solid, it is safe for the whole family to use.



### **You will need:**

An empty plastic pop bottle, craft knife or scissors, tin foil, rolling pin, orange and green acrylic paint, paint brush.

Air dry clay (or you can use papier-mâché)

You can buy air dry clay from any craft shop for under £5.00, and acrylic paint in tubes from 50p.



1. Using the craft knife or scissors, carefully cut around the bottom of the bottles.

You can use any size bottle that you want to, just make sure they have the bubbly raised base as this will give shape to the pumpkin.



2. Now you need to form the stalk using the tin foil. Press the foil into the dimples of the bottle, and form a stalk. Use sellotape to stick it down when you are happy with the shape.



3. Next, roll out some clay to a thickness of around  $\frac{1}{2}$  cm, and wrap it over the bottle and stalk. Press the clay into the ridges of the bottle, and make sure every part of the pumpkin is covered. Leave the clay to dry for 24 hours.

If you don't have clay, you can use strips of newspaper in watered down PVA glue to make papier-mâché.



4. Once dry, you can paint it. We didn't have orange paint, so just mixed yellow with red to make the right colour. Paint the stalk green or brown. You don't have to be traditional – why not paint it spooky black?



5. When the paint has dried, you can draw on a face using a black felt tip pen....make the face as scary as you can!

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