How to draw a pumpkin

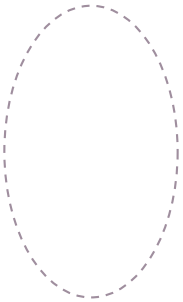
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STEP 1: Place a light oval

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Draw a very light tall oval for the middle bulge. It is a placement guide, not part of the finished outline. Leave room above for the stem and to both sides for more pumpkin.

STEP 2: Curve the upper left side

Whole drawing



This step, closer



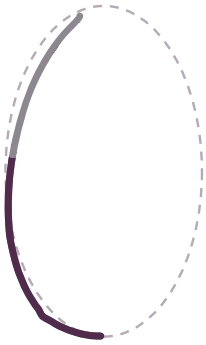
Start near the oval's upper left. Curve outward and down to the widest part of the middle bulge, following the dark line.

STEP 3: Round its lower left

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Continue the same curve down, then turn gently right around the bottom. Stop near the middle of the base.

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STEP 4: Curve the upper right side

Whole drawing



This step, closer



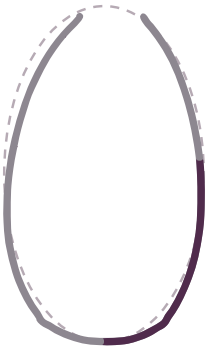
Start near the oval's upper right and bow outward. Keep this curve opposite the first side, leaving a broad space between them.

STEP 5: Join the rounded bottom

Whole drawing



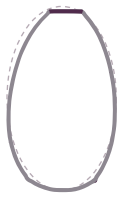
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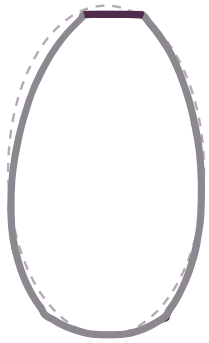
Continue down the right side and turn left around the base to meet the earlier bottom curve. The two sides now form one open-topped bulge.

STEP 6: Close the shallow top

Whole drawing



This step, closer



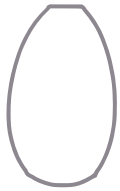
Join the two upper ends with a short, shallow curved top. Its center is the lower rim of the stem that you will draw later.

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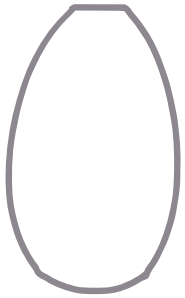
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STEP 7: Erase the light oval

Whole drawing



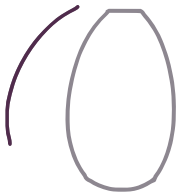
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Erase only the pale placement oval. Keep the solid outline of the middle bulge, including its shallow top and rounded bottom.

STEP 8: Bow a rib to the left

Whole drawing



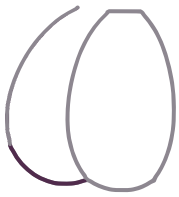
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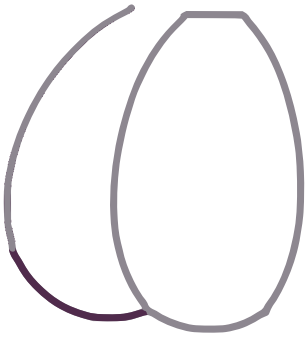
From just left of the middle bulge's top, curve a new rib outward to the left and down. Stop beside the lower part of the middle bulge.

STEP 9: Round the left rib's base

Whole drawing



This step, closer



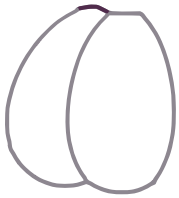
Curve from the lower end of that rib to the middle bulge's lower left join. Keep this base rounded rather than pointed.

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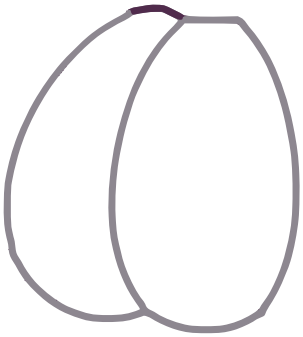
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STEP 10: Join its short top

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Add the short upper curve between that left rib and the top of the middle bulge. This closes the neighboring pumpkin section.

STEP 11: Add the outer left shoulder

Whole drawing



This step, closer



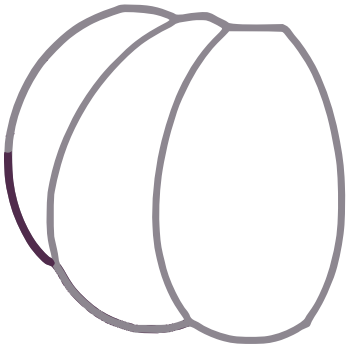
From the top of the left rib, sweep a short shoulder farther left. Turn around the outside of the pumpkin and curve down to its widest left edge.

STEP 12: Close the outer left curve

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Continue around the lower left side and meet the earlier rib. This narrow outer section sits behind the broader left section.

How to draw a pumpkin

Dark plum: new lines. Gray: earlier work. Pale dashed oval: temporary placement guide; erase in step 7.

STEP 13: Add the small rear shoulder

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Draw a shallow hump above the left shoulder, stopping near the stem position. Keep it smaller than the pumpkin sections below it.

STEP 14: Bow a rib to the right

Whole drawing



This step, closer



From the upper right of the middle bulge, curve a new rib outward and down. Let its rounded shape echo the left rib.

STEP 15: Round the right rib's base

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Join that rib's lower end to the middle bulge's lower right join with a short rounded base.

How to draw a pumpkin

Dark plum: new lines. Gray: earlier work. Pale dashed oval: temporary placement guide; erase in step 7.

STEP 16: Add the outer right shoulder

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Sweep out from the top right, then round down the pumpkin's outer edge. Make this outer section narrower than the neighboring rib.

STEP 17: Close the outer right curve

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Continue the outside curve down and back toward the right rib's base. Join it cleanly without extending a loose tail.

STEP 18: Lift the stem's left edge

Whole drawing



This step, closer



From the top of the pumpkin, curve the left stem edge upward. Bend it left near the top, leaving room for a small cut end.

How to draw a pumpkin

Dark plum: new lines. Gray: earlier work. Pale dashed oval: temporary placement guide; erase in step 7.

STEP 19: Close the stem's cut end

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Draw one complete tilted oval at the upper end of the stem. Keep the white center enclosed by a continuous rim.

STEP 20: Return down the stem

Whole drawing



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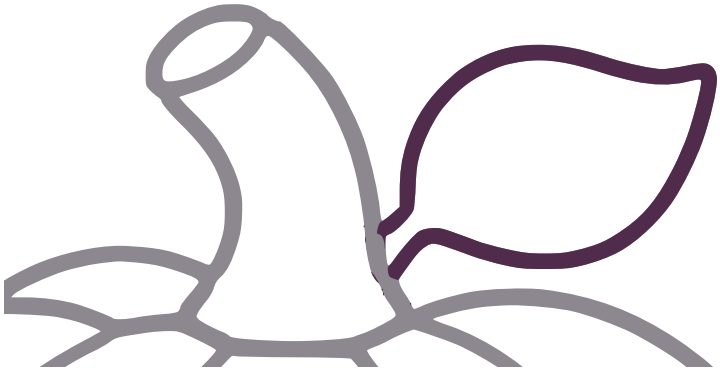
From the oval's right edge, curve down the other side of the stem and join the pumpkin's shallow top. The stem broadens near its base.

STEP 21: Outline one broad leaf

Whole drawing



This step, closer



From the stem's right side, curve up around a broad leaf, turn at its tip and return along its lower edge. Close the leaf near the stem.

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Dark plum: new lines. Gray: earlier work. Pale dashed oval: temporary placement guide; erase in step 7.

STEP 22: Add the leaf vein

Whole drawing



This step, closer

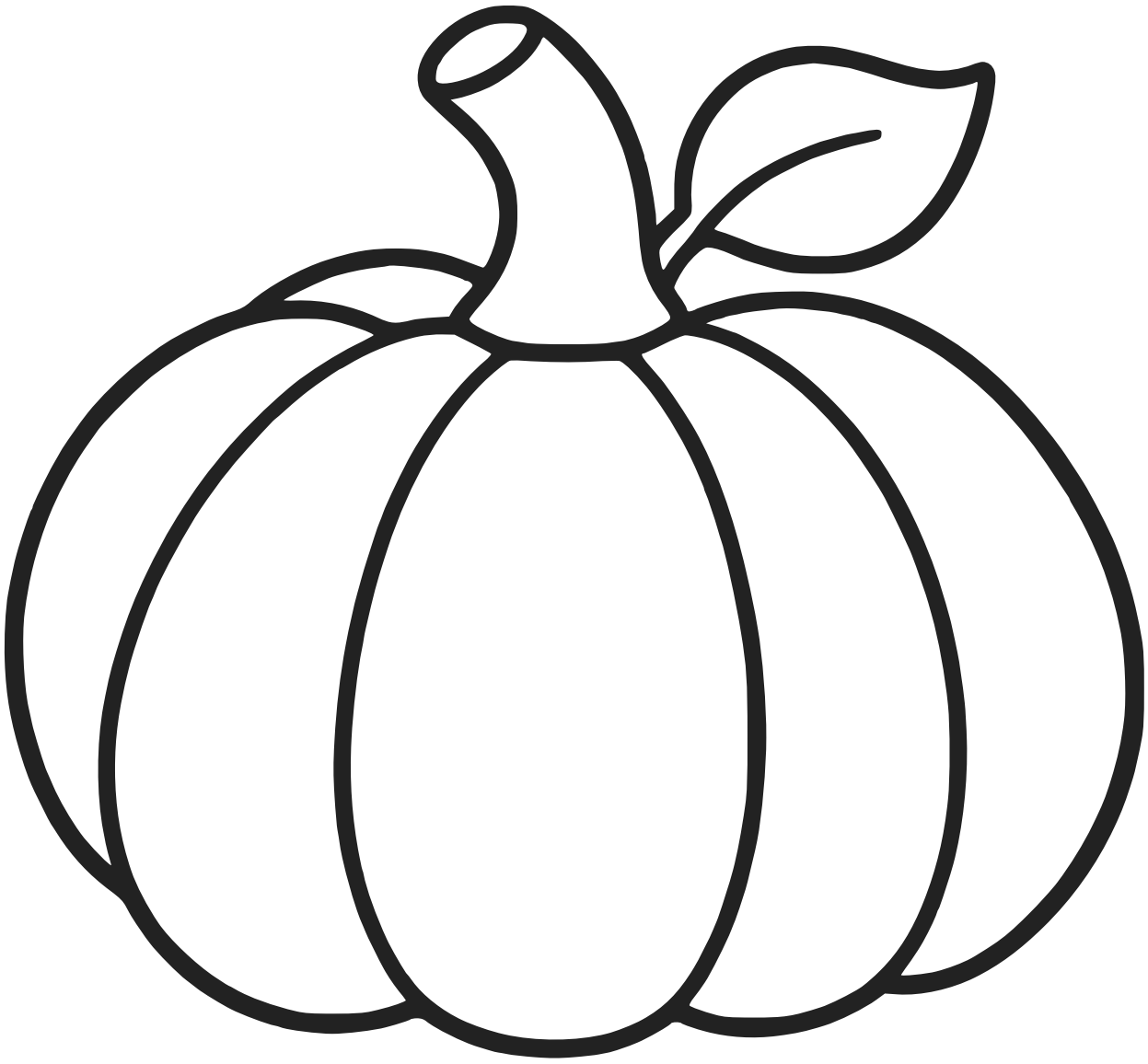


Draw one gently curving vein from the leaf's base toward its tip. Stop before the outer edge so the leaf stays open and simple.

COLORING OUTLINE

A harvest pumpkin

Print at actual size / 100%. This outline contains no placement guides.



ONE COLOR IDEA

A harvest pumpkin

The palette is optional. Choose your own colors.

