

10 Ways to Use Pumpkins (besides Jack-O-Lanterns)



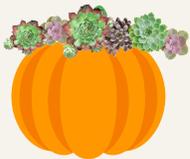
ENTERTAINING:

- **Pumpkin Beverage Dispenser** – Hollow out a pumpkin, insert a wine bag or cider pouch, and serve with a spout.
- **Pumpkin Ice Bucket** – Fill a large hollow pumpkin with ice to chill bottled drinks.
- **Pumpkin Serving Bowl** – Line with foil or a bowl to hold soup, chili, dips, or salad.
- **Mini Pumpkin Place Settings** – Write names on pumpkins for dinner place cards.



DECORATING

- **Pumpkin Planter** – Fill with mums, pansies, or succulents.
- **Pumpkin Vase** – Place a jar inside and add fresh-cut flowers for a centerpiece.
- **Succulent Pumpkin Topper** – Glue moss & succulents to the top (no carving needed!).
- **Pumpkin Candle Holders** – Hollow mini pumpkins to hold tea lights.



FUN & WHIMSICAL

- **Pumpkin Bird Feeder** – Cut in half, fill with birdseed, and hang outside.
- **Pumpkin Fairy House** – Add moss, windows, and figurines for a magical display.



TIPS TO MAKE CARVED PUMPKINS LAST LONGER

- **Bleach Bath:** Soak carved pumpkin in 1 Tbsp bleach per gallon of water for a few hours.
- **Seal the Cuts:** Rub petroleum jelly or vegetable oil on exposed edges.
- **Spray & Mist:** Use a vinegar/water spray daily to prevent mold.
- **Rehydrate:** Soak shriveled pumpkins in cold water for a few hours.
- **Keep Cool:** Display in shade or refrigerate overnight when possible.

