

Steps for Carving Watermelons

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• *Hollow out the Watermelon*

Use the closest spoon or scraping tool within your reach to empty out the contents of your watermelon. You may want to use a melon baller tool or ice cream scoop and save the fruit in a bowl.



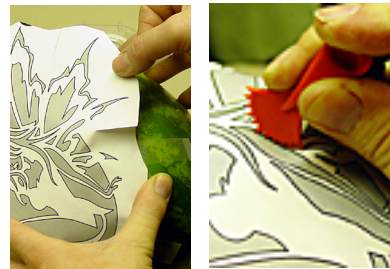
• *Transfer the Pattern*

Tape the pattern to the surface of the watermelon. You may want to make slits in the pattern as you tape to help it conform to the round surface of the melon.

Transfer the pattern with any tool suitable for poking. Poke along the entire outline of the pattern.

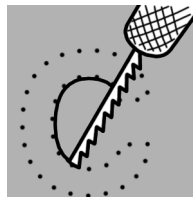
Remove the pattern and save it for reference as you carve.

Pounce white flour into the poked holes of your pattern to make it visible and easier to carve.



• *Carve The Design*

Now, using a small carving saw, follow the dots and carve the design keeping the following rules in mind as you carve:



Cut inside portion of shape first

1 Cut inside details before cutting outside details. Imagine cutting out the letter "C". If you cut the outer portion of the "C" first, you will discover that there is little support for the inside portion of your "C". This will increase the tendency to break off the inside portion of your "C" when sawing, thus ruining your creation.

2 Cut smaller details before larger ones.

3 Stop and remove the knife when you come to sharp corners and restart your cut going the other direction.



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