HARD / PUMPKIN TEMPLATE

Check Engine

Illustrative carved preview. Follow the pattern on page 2.

Before You Carve

Choose a firm pumpkin with a smooth, broad face.

Have a scoop, tape, pushpin, and pumpkin carving saw ready.

Print page 2 on US Letter paper in landscape. Start at 100% / Actual Size.

Resize to fit your pumpkin if needed. Keep white bridges wide enough to stay sturdy.

Make the Cut

1. Scoop out the pumpkin and scrape the carving wall to an even thickness of about 1 inch. Dry the outside.

2. Trim excess paper and tape page 2 to the pumpkin. Pleat the blank margins to fit the curve.

3. Use a pushpin to transfer the dots. Add holes between dots where needed to define curves and corners. Remove the paper.

4. Saw along the transferred edges. Remove dark gray areas only; leave every white area and support bridge intact.

5. Work from small details to large openings. Support nearby pumpkin with your free hand, away from the blade, and remove pieces gently.

6. Place a battery-powered LED light inside. Stand back and admire your fleet after dark.

For this design Cut the letters first, then the separate cap and side bar, and finish with the engine outline. Keep the white gaps at the left and bottom of the outline intact; they support the center.

Use a stable work surface. Never force the blade or cut toward your hand.

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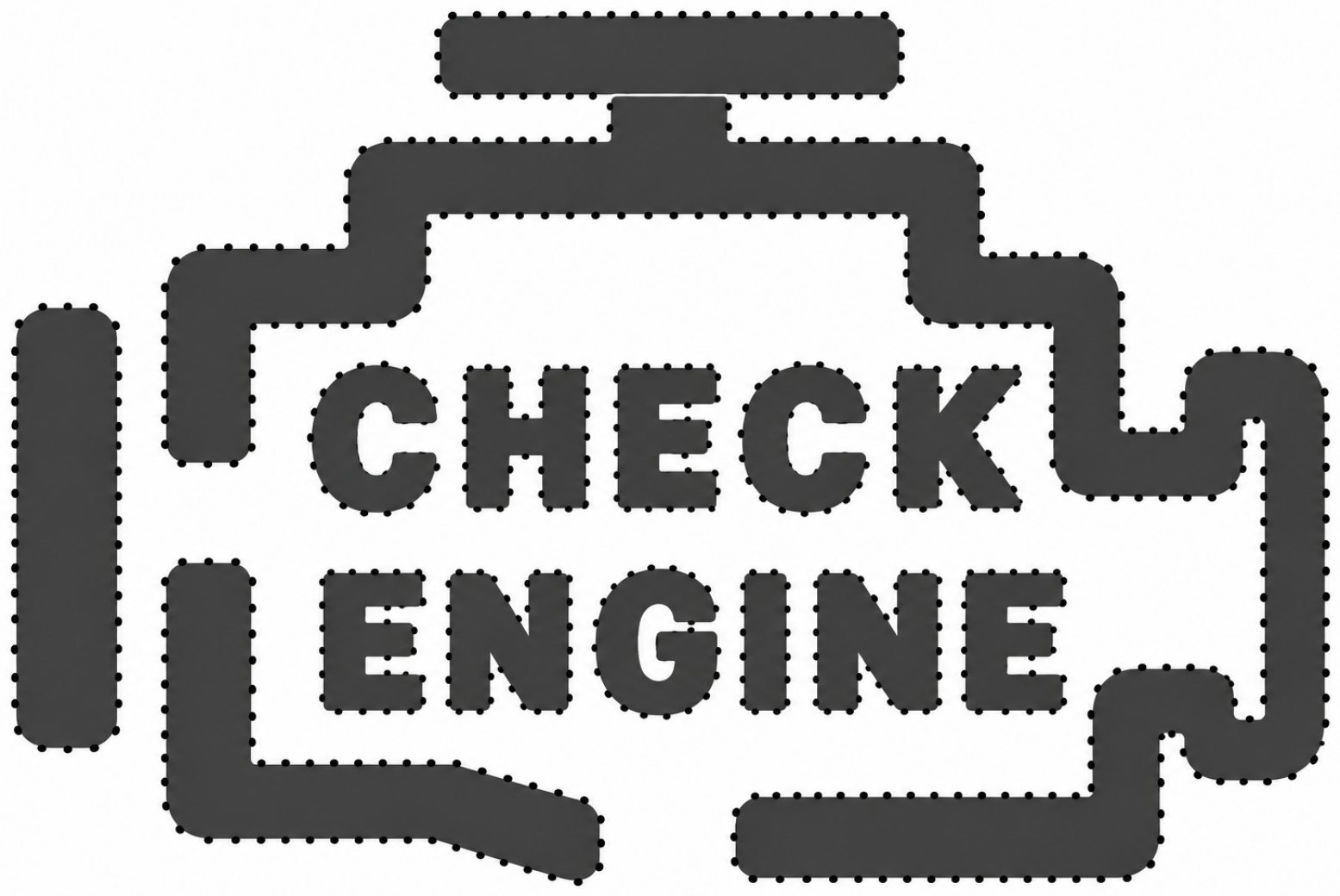
CUT OUT DARK GRAY • KEEP WHITE • DOTS MARK THE CUTTING EDGES



Print landscape at Actual Size. Adjust scale only to fit your pumpkin; preserve every white bridge.