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This Month's Special

Visit www.freecarpetcleaning.net and we'll give you \$10 off for each referral you submit that uses KleenRite. You could get up to \$200 worth of free carpet cleaning! We'll also send your friend(s) a gift certificate for one FREE room of cleaning (up to 200 sq. ft.). No worries, their information is safe. We'll simply send them the gift certificate absolutely FREE!

Thank You

Thank you to those who have referred us:

Genelle Furrow
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Keep Fido Warm this Holiday Season

The weather outside is frightful and your four-legged friend still needs to go outside to take care of his business. How can you keep him warm when he's got to be out in the cold? Some dogs barely notice the lower temperatures, while others can hardly go outside without shivering. Older dogs and puppies have trouble dealing with the chill, as well as dogs with health issues.

While dogs have to go outside to do their business, they don't have to spend long periods of time outdoors. If your dog is sensitive to the cold, wait by the door while he is outside. That way, he won't have to stay outdoors any longer than absolutely necessary.

Buy your dog a good set of booties. A dog's temperature is regulated through his feet as much as his panting. Keeping his feet warm will help his body stay warm.

Have a bed for your pet that is at least three inches above the ground. This will give your pet a buffer space between the cold floor and his sleeping place.

If your dog has to be outside for long periods of time, buy him a good dog house. There are many kinds of houses on the market and some even have insulation or a heater so your furry friend can stay warm if he has

to stay outside longer than four hours at a time.

Take care of your friend's skin during the winter months. Make sure he has plenty of water, a high quality food that helps keep his skin and coat healthy, and only wash your dog when necessary. Your dog's skin has oils that moisturize his skin and these oils can be removed during a bath causing dry skin.

Take care of your furry friend's paws. Be sure to clean your dog's pads after being outside to keep the ice and salt from damaging your dog's feet. Keep the hairs between your dog's toes trimmed to reduce ice from collecting between them. You can also put petroleum jelly on the surface of his pads prior to walking outdoors. This will help keep his paws moisturized.

The weather outside may be frightful, but it doesn't have to be for your four-legged friend. Keeping him warm during the winter months isn't difficult as long as you are willing to take the extra effort to keep him warm.

Dawn Arkin is a writer and animal lover who enjoys spending time with her pets. This article has been submitted in affiliation with <http://www.PetLovers.Com> which is a site for Pet Forums.



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Pumpkin Carving: Carve Like a Pro

#1 - Buy a carving kit - For detailed designs having the right tools are important. You can find pumpkin carving kits in stores that carry Halloween items. They should come with a drill tool, a poker tool and a couple mini-saws. The smaller teeth saws are better for fine detail work.

#2 - Choose your pumpkin - Find a pumpkin that's roughly the dimensions of the pattern you want to use. For a very detailed pattern, a larger pumpkin will be easier to carve. Pick a smooth one that's free of scratches, dents, gouges or rotting spots. Also make sure it has a flat bottom so it will sit upright and not roll away. Wash and dry it thoroughly before starting.

#3 - Cut open a lid - Covering your table with plastic will make cleanup easier. Using a sturdy kitchen knife, cut an opening around the stem. Cut in at an angle to prevent the lid from falling into the pumpkin. Cutting a circle with a notch in it will make replacing the lid fast and easy. The hole should be an inch or two wider than your fist, to allow for scooping out the guts.

#4 - Scoop out the guts - Remove the bulk of the seeds and strings with your hands. Keep the seeds for roasting using the recipes in this book. Then using a big spoon, scrape the inner walls of the pumpkin until smooth. Scraping the wall where your design will be to about one inch thick makes carving easier. You can

check thickness by pushing a straight pin through the wall.

#5 - Print and attach the pattern - When printed, the patterns will be the size of a standard sheet of paper. You can reduce or enlarge the pattern to fit your pumpkin with a photocopier. With scissors, trim off the excess paper. Place the pattern over the area you made an inch thick. Tape the edges of the pattern to the pumpkin.

#6 - Transfer the pattern - Use a push pin to lightly poke holes along the lines of the pattern. To trace the image onto the pumpkins skin, you don't need to slice threw the whole shell, just puncture the outer skin.

#7 - Begin carving - Placing the pumpkin in your lap can help keep it steady. You should start by carving the smallest pieces first. Hold your carving saw tool like a pencil and insert it straight into the pumpkin, on one of the dotted lines. Begin sawing along the lines, connecting the dots. Follow curved lines by gently turning the saw in the direction you wish to carve. For sharp corners, pull out the saw and reinsert at the new angle. Never twist the saw or it will bend or break. When cutting out the larger pieces, cut them into two or three smaller pieces to allow for easier removal. Use the paper pattern as reference as you carve. You'll be removing the pieces that are shaded grey.

#8 - Final touches - Remove all of the cut pieces, and compare your pumpkin to the paper pattern. Placing a light inside the pumpkin will allow you to see the holes clearly. Use the detail saw tool to carefully trim the inside edges of any excess flesh.

#9 Rinse - Give the finished pumpkin a good rinsing in the sink. Spray some cool water through all the cut openings, getting rid of any of the dangling bits. This also gives the pumpkin extra moisture to look its best.

#10 - Preserve the pumpkin - Coat the cut edges with generous layer of petroleum jelly (like Vaseline) or white glue. Use your finger on large openings, and a cotton swab to coat the tiny openings. This helps seal in the pumpkin's moisture, extending its life to a week or more.

#11 - Light it up - Using a light, light up the inside of your pumpkin. There are some great battery operated LED lights or for a more traditional look use a battery operated fake candle.

Want to have the best pumpkin in the neighborhood? Visit <http://pumpkinpatterns.ca> for more information on pumpkin carving and pumpkin carving templates.

TRIVIA: THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA WINNER

Congratulations to Betsy Barringer, who answered this month's trivia question correctly!

You could win, too! Look at the trivia question on the back of this newsletter, find the answer, and visit our web site online

at www.kleenrite.net to send us your answer! If you don't have internet access, call our trivia line at 353-5244 and leave us voicemail including your name, phone number, and your answer. All correct answers will be entered in the drawing to win!

Ask the Expert

Q. What is the dark gray buildup along my baseboards?

A. The dark gray that you see along your baseboards is called filtration soil. This situation occurs when dust and airborne pollutants accumulate on the carpet face fibers as air flows by convection in the room. Filtration soil may also appear under doors, under furniture, or along the edges of stairs. Depending on air quality and air movement, filtration soil may appear quickly or develop over a long period of time. Typically, filtration soil is more commonly seen in colder climates while the furnace runs. As the warm air moves towards cooler air it will push its way through carpet surfaces and clean itself. What is left behind is a buildup of oily soils that are very difficult to remove.

Damon Hackleman
KleenRite



Courtney and Emma playing dress-up

This Month's Events

Halloween at Rockome - Time to get your spook on at Rockome. We have a fun Halloween time planned. Rockome Gardens, Arcola - Various dates: Oct. 10, 11, 17, 18, 23-25, 29-31. For more information: Call 268-4106, or visit <http://www.rockome.com>

Negangard Pumpkin Patch - 1883 County Road 700N, Sidney. Pumpkins patch opens Sept. 27 through Oct. 31. 9 a.m. to dark, seven days a week. Sells: Pumpkins, squash, gourds, corn stalks, indiana corn, staw bales and lots more! For more information: Call 684-2004.

Little Shop Of Horrors - Historic Virginia Theatre, 203 W. Park, Champaign. Performed by Champaign-Urbana Theatre Company. Oct. 23, 24, 25 at 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 26 at 2:30 p.m. at Historic Virginia Theatre, 203 W. Park, C. Tickets: Adults, \$19; seniors and students, \$17; Children 12 and younger, \$6. For ticket information, call 355-3636; www.cutc.org.

Spooky Skate - University of Illinois Ice Arena, Champaign. Sunday Oct 26, 2008 1:30-4:00 pm. Celebrate Halloween in costume at the Ice Arena! 1:30 to 4 p.m. Oct. 26. Cost: UI Student or Campus Rec member with valid i-card, and children under 3, free; Youth (4-12) \$4; Adults (13 and older) \$5; Family Pass \$20 (good for five family members and skate rental). Skate rentals: \$2 non-member, \$1 member.

What Clients Are Saying

"Cleaning crew is always very professional and on schedule"
- Genelle Furrow

"Excellent and pleasant phone experience and the cleaning crew was very polite and courteous."
- Karen Miller

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What Do You Know?

Find the answer to the trivia question below and submit your answer at www.kleenrite.net or call our trivia line at (217) 353-5244 and leave us voicemail including your name, phone number, and answer to be entered to **win a \$50.00 Target Gift Card!**

This month's trivia question:

What is the dark gray buildup along your baseboards called?

- A. Filtration Soil
- B. Carpet Oil
- C. Dust
- D. Magic Ink

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Rocky Road Halloween Squares

- * 1 (12 oz.) pkg. semisweet chocolate chips
- * 1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk
- * 2 tbsp. butter
- * 2 cups dry roasted peanuts
- * 1 (10 1/2 oz.) pkg. white miniature marshmallows
- * assorted soft Halloween candy pieces such as candy corn, or use candy coated chocolate candies

Instructions:

Line a 13x9-inch baking pan with waxed paper. In top of double boiler melt chocolate with milk and butter; remove from heat. In a large bowl, combine peanuts and marshmallows. Fold in melted chocolate and press into the prepared paper-lined pan. Top with candy pieces. Chill until firm and cut into squares.