

“PUMPKIN JACK” LIFE CYCLE BRACELET

Jack-o-lantern Bead – At the beginning of the story, Tim carves his first pumpkin and names it “Jack.”

Tan or Beige Beads – After “Jack” starts to rot. Tim puts Jack in the garden where he watches as Jack starts to “decompose”. Jack gets more wrinkled and flatter. His skin changes color. Jack is covered by snow...And in the spring Tim finds just a small part of Jack that is tan in color with a few light colored seeds.

Brown Bead – Tim covers what is left of Jack with soil.

Yellow Bead – The sun turns the soil “barefoot warm” and Tim finds a tiny sprout.

Blue Bead – Tim waters the sprout and he watches it grow.

Flower Bead – Tim finds yellow flowers on the plant which has grown quite large.

Insect Bead (not part of story) – Insects will land on these large flowers and move pollen from one flower to another so the plant will make pumpkins.

Green Bead – Tim finds a little green ball growing behind the crumpled blossom. It is a little pumpkin! Summer changes to fall and the leaves of the pumpkin are torn. The first frost comes and Jack picks all the unripe pumpkins and puts them on his porch.

Orange Bead – The green pumpkins turn to orange!

Pumpkin or Jack-o-lantern Bead – Jack gives all but one of his pumpkins away. Jack gives his pumpkin a face and the circle (life cycle) is complete. Tim says, “Welcome back, Jack!”