

Welcome to the world's first (As far as I can tell) model jam, the Pumpkin Jam!
If you're here, you probably are interested in 3D modeling to some degree, and if you're not...
Oh. Well you may as well stay while you're here!

In this video I'll be going over an overview of what the Pumpkin Jam is all about, how you can participate, and then I'll talk about specific rules that the event uses.

So without further ado, the Pumpkin Jam is an online event for all skill levels that challenges your ability to create 3D Printable models from start to finish in a very limited time frame, based on a specific theme that is revealed when the event begins. It covers the entire design process—from the point someone asks you to make a model, to the point you finish uploading it to a model hosting site. I, CarlThePumpkinMan, have designed the Pumpkin Jam with 3 goals in mind:

1. Education! My number one priority is to have participants leave the competition feeling like they learned something, and to foster 3D modeling and printing skills in the community. The events' themes are centered around educational videos I've made that intend to teach you new 3D modeling skills.
2. Motivation! I've seen a lot of people say they don't know what to model because they either a) don't currently have any inspiration, or b) have too many ideas and don't know where to start. I'll be giving you a theme and a specific tutorial video in order to help get those creative juices flowing, and if you don't know what exactly to make, well... you only got a couple days, so you've got no choice but to pick an idea and stick with it!
3. Connections! Through the Jam, I want people to meet and network with other folks in the 3D modeling/printing community. Also, content creators can have a hard time getting their work out there in the world, so I want to provide a place where people can put their skills on display!

Plus, you might even be able to snag yourself a prize, depending on the contest.

So in summary

So if you're interested in participating, here's how it works:

1. **Register.** You can go to <https://www.carlthepumpkinman.com/pumpkin-jam> to check out whether there is one currently planned or not, but either way, you can fill out the form to indicate your interest in participating in the next one. And don't worry! You can always change your mind and just not participate when the time comes; no commitment necessary. Oh, and make sure you answer the confirmation email after signing up!

2. **Wait.** I know you may be excited, but don't jump the gun! You can try and brainstorm ideas, but there's no guarantee any preparation you do will be useful, so...
3. **Model!** Once it's time to begin, Carl (that's me) will announce the Theme via email and in the Discord server. Read the instructions carefully—you have 48 hours to make and upload your model, and not a second more!
4. **Upload.** Upload your model to any and all of the allowed sites (Cults3D, MakerWorld, Printables, Thangs, Thingiverse), and make sure you tag it with #PumpkinJam ! Then email Carl (me) with the links to the models.
5. **Wait.** Again?! Yeah, it takes the judges (as of Pumpkin Jam #2, also just me) some time to print out and examine all the submissions. But once they do, you'll get some sweet, sweet feedback, and you might even find out you won a prize! Depending on if I have any prize to give. Now accepting sponsorships! Email me.
6. **Grow!** Keep the feedback from the judges in mind, and keep modeling! Hone your skills for the next time—and while you're busy growing, maybe share your experience with your friends so that the Pumpkin Jam can grow, too! You are MORE than welcome to make content about your experience with the Jam.

But Carl, I can hear you saying. I really wanna participate, but I don't feel confident in my abilities!

And to that, I say, dear friend, not to worry! The Pumpkin Jam is all about getting more people into and better at 3D modeling! **Every Theme comes with a tutorial video on how to make an entry from a beginner level.** So even if you're a complete n00b, you still have a chance to compete!

And if you're not a beginner, there are still things in it for you! In addition to the experience you gain and the potential for prizes, you also can gain exposure for your craft. I will be keeping a document of all the participants and their socials, and if you livestream yourself making your 3D model, I will advertise that fact too!

~Rules~

Before I get into the nitty-gritty, I just want to say that at the time of recording, this is a small, online event with no designated space nor a huge management staff or referees—it's just me. Accordingly, I am asking everyone to stick to the honor system. While there may be prizes involved, I intend for them just to be a talking point to get more eyes on the event and to reward folks for participating, and nothing more. Winning isn't the main point here.

So! That said, these are the general rules for the Pumpkin Jam; however, the Theme itself (when revealed) may have rules that conflict with these—those take preference, of course.

The Jam will start at 8 AM on a Saturday morning Japan time (generally Friday night America time) with the revealing of the Theme via email and in the #announcements channel in the discord server. It will end 48 hours later at 8 AM Monday morning. Participants must declare their participation via the google form found on the website (link below), must NOT begin

modeling until after the start, and MUST upload their models before the end, or risk disqualification.

Model entries must:

- Be entirely your own creation—while outside advice is allowed, the actual executive decisions and creation of the model must be yours. No remixes.
- Be entirely devoid of generative AI. Not in the modeling, nor the thumbnail generation, nor the description of the model. Surrendering the creative process to a machine would entirely defeat the purpose of this whole thing.
- Be uploaded to one or more of the following sites: MakerWorld, Printables, Thingiverse, Cults3D, Thangs. It must be free to download, at the very least until the final results are released.
- Have a #PumpkinJam hashtag attached to them. I wanna be able to locate them easily, after all!
- Fit the theme. Irrelevant models will be removed from consideration.
- Be SFW. I want to keep this open for all ages.

Additionally, while you're more than welcome to have a standard copyright license on your files, you do agree to allow for other people to feature them in videos/other content, provided they give proper credit. (Essentially, I want to give myself and others the ability to make videos, etc about their time with the event, which most likely would include models that were uploaded by other participants.)

Some other rules to keep in mind:

- Be kind/courteous to everyone in the Jam. Don't be mean, discouraging, disparaging, or anything else to negatively impact others' experiences.
- Please bring any complaints/concerns to the judges respectfully, and respect their final decisions. This is for fun/learning, after all.

Links/Carl's contact Info for questions:

Discord Server: <https://discord.gg/WXfdnBhcPs>

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