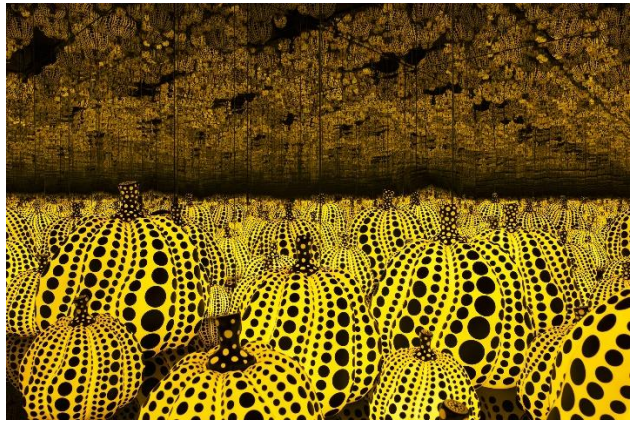


# Yayoi Kusama Pumpkin—Lesson

Kindergarten – Grade 5



In this lesson students will create spectacular fall pumpkins using the unique design style of Yayoi Kusama. She is a Japanese artist who is sometimes called “the princess of polka dots”. She does create all types of art including paints, sculptures, performances, and installations, but is best known for her obsession with dots!

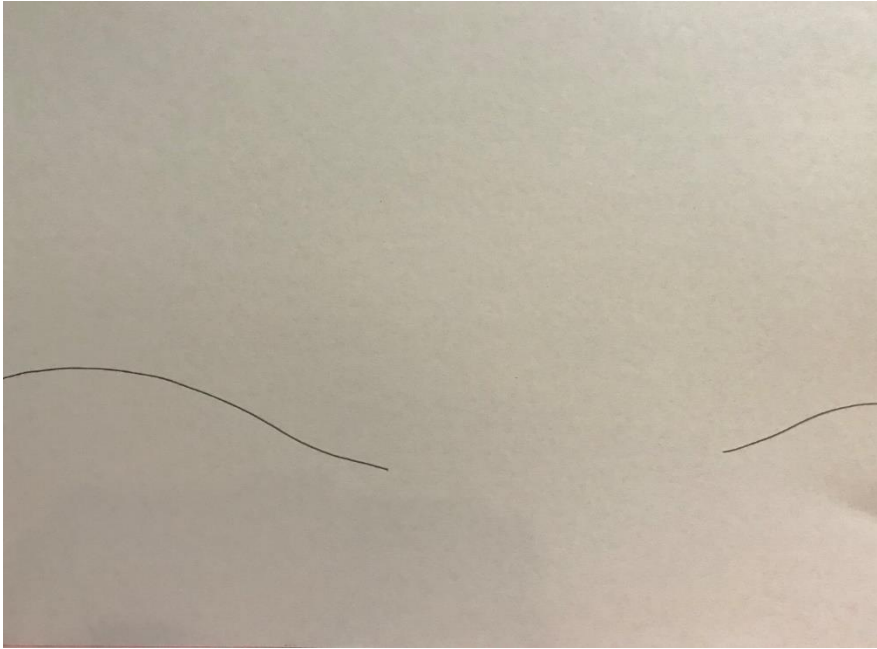


## Materials:

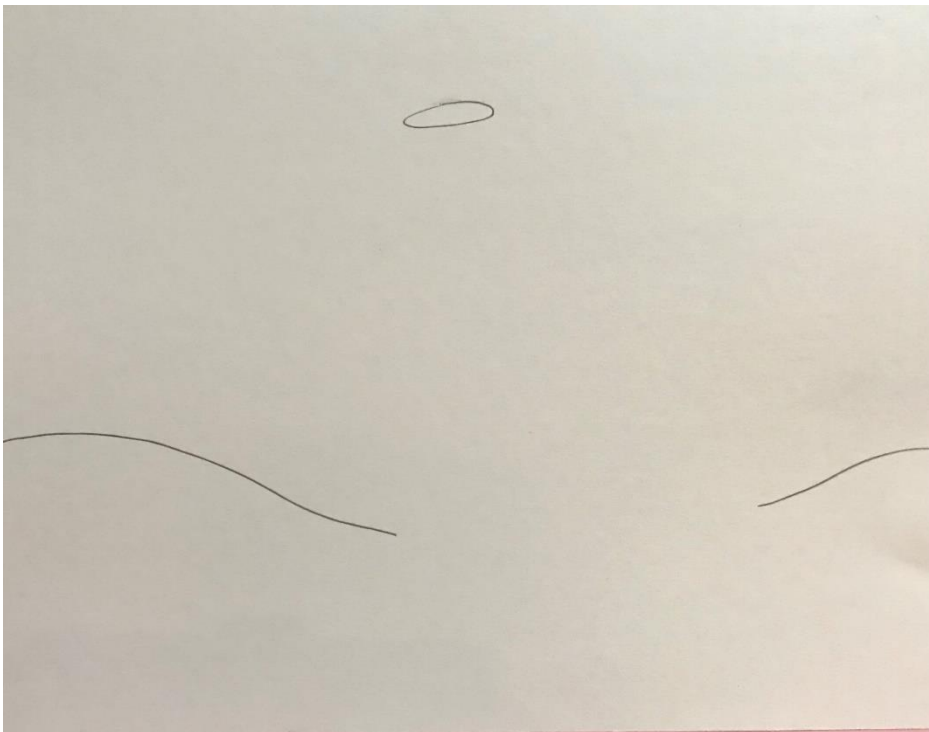
- Paper
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Colored pencils or crayons
- Black Sharpie or marker
- Step by step drawing guide

STEPS:

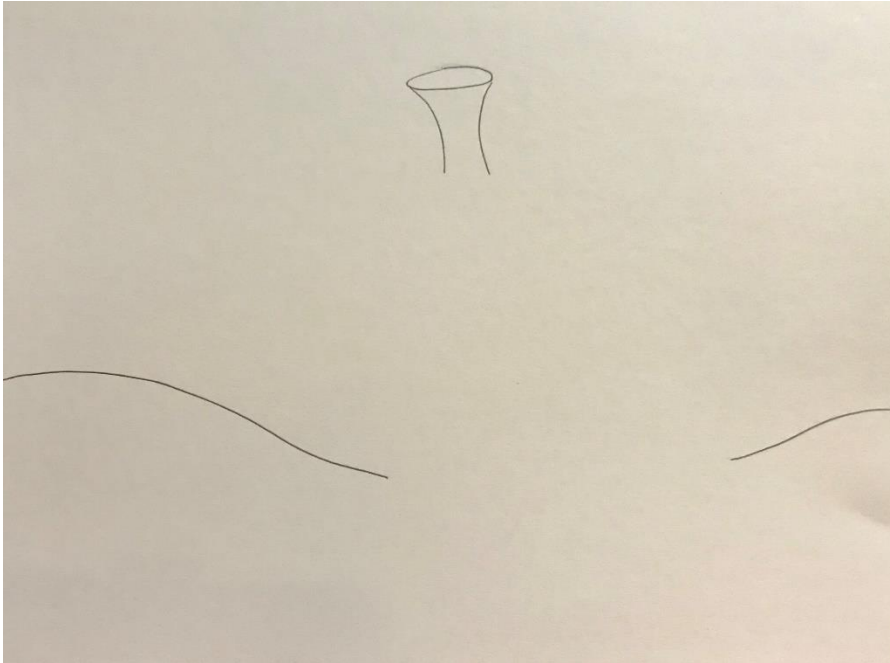
1. Start with paper and pencil. Lightly draw the landscape lines across the paper like soft rolling hills. Leave a space open for the pumpkin. Pencil lightly when drawing in case you need to erase.



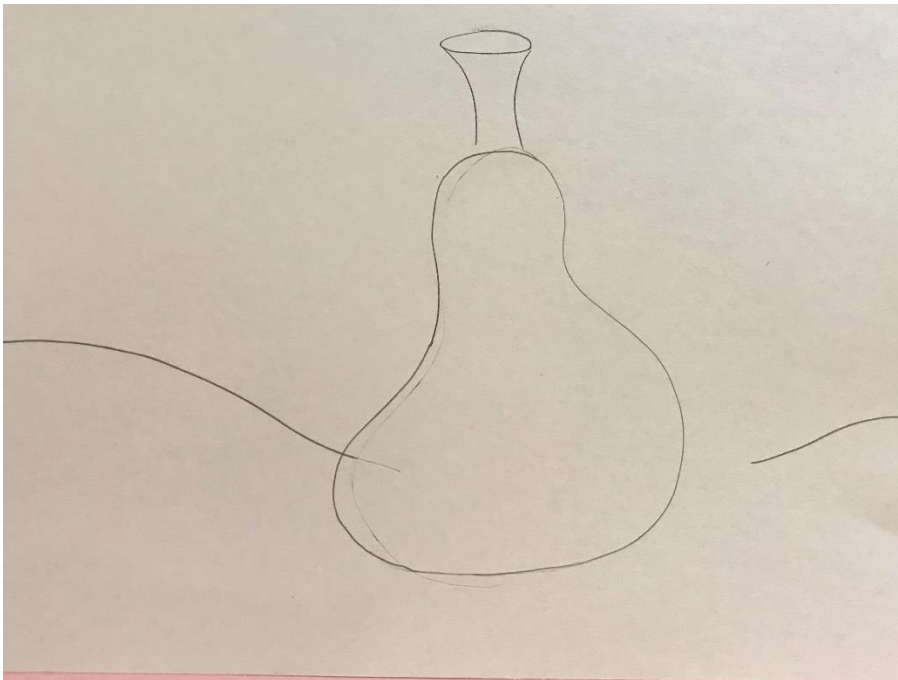
2. Following the step by step guide, draw the top of the pumpkin stem near the top of the page.



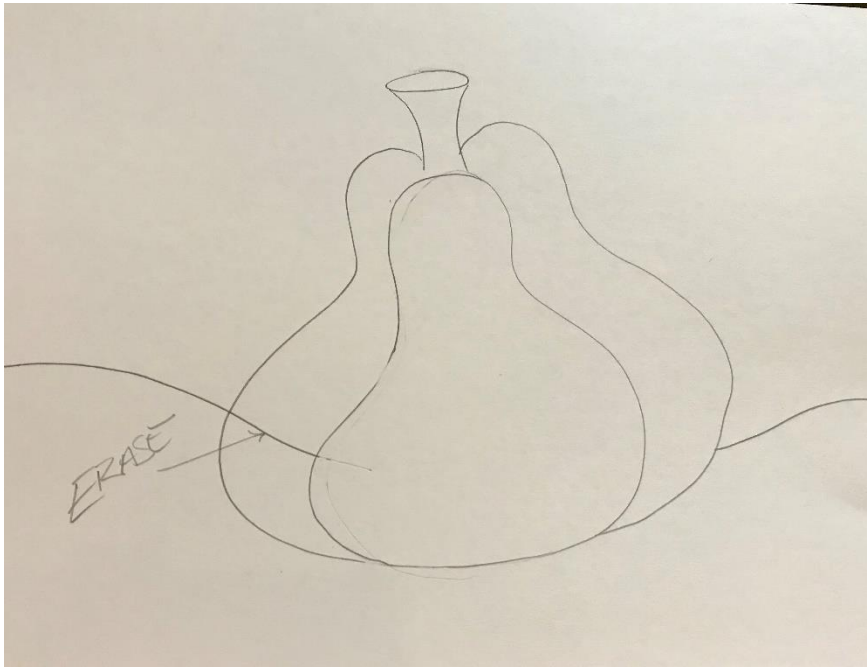
3. Add the stem sides.



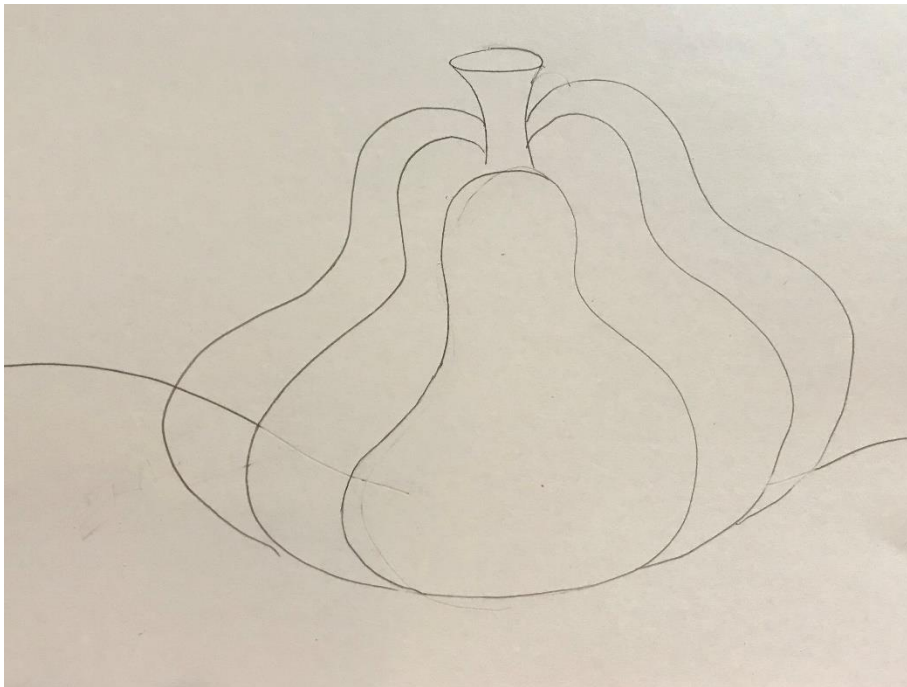
4. Draw a gourd shape or pear shape under the stem. Make sure it is sitting lower on the paper than the landscape lines.



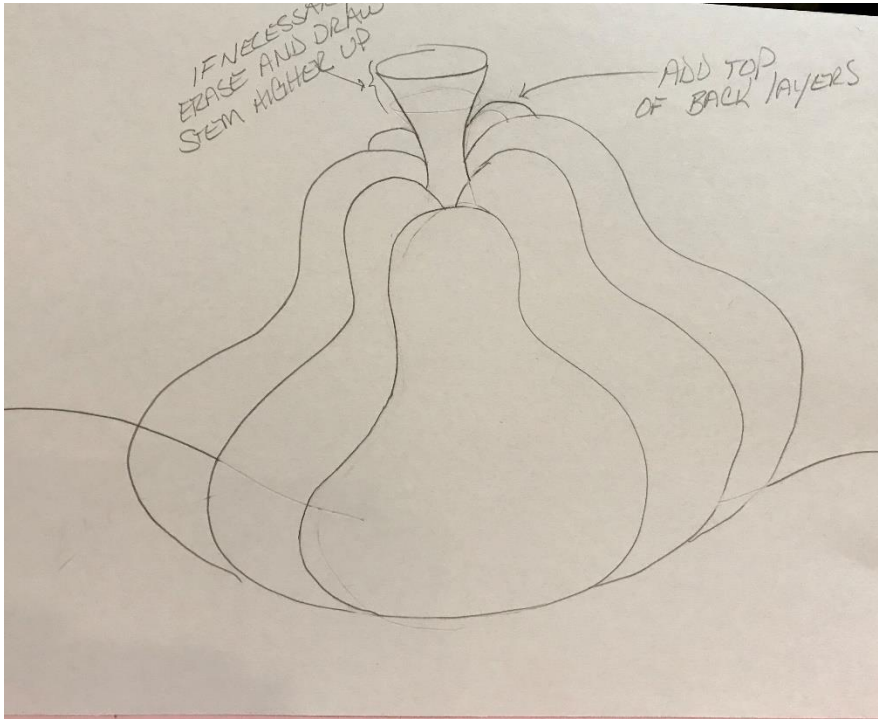
5. Next draw lines on each side of the middle pear shape that outlines the shape only bigger. These are sections of the pumpkin going around it. Erase any unwanted lines.



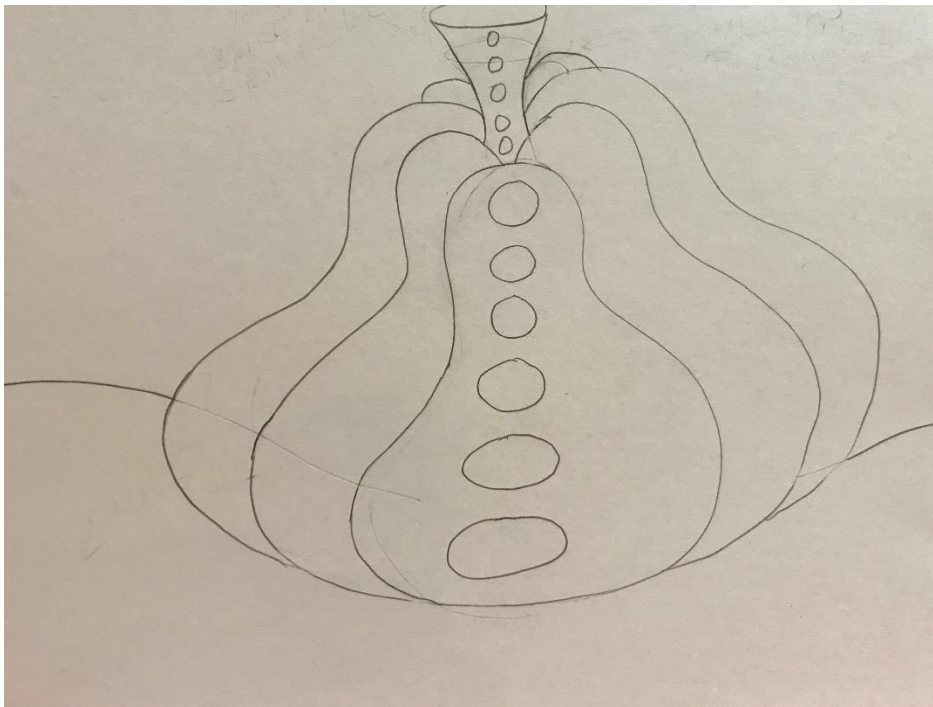
6. Next draw another set of lines outlining the shape and connecting to the stem.



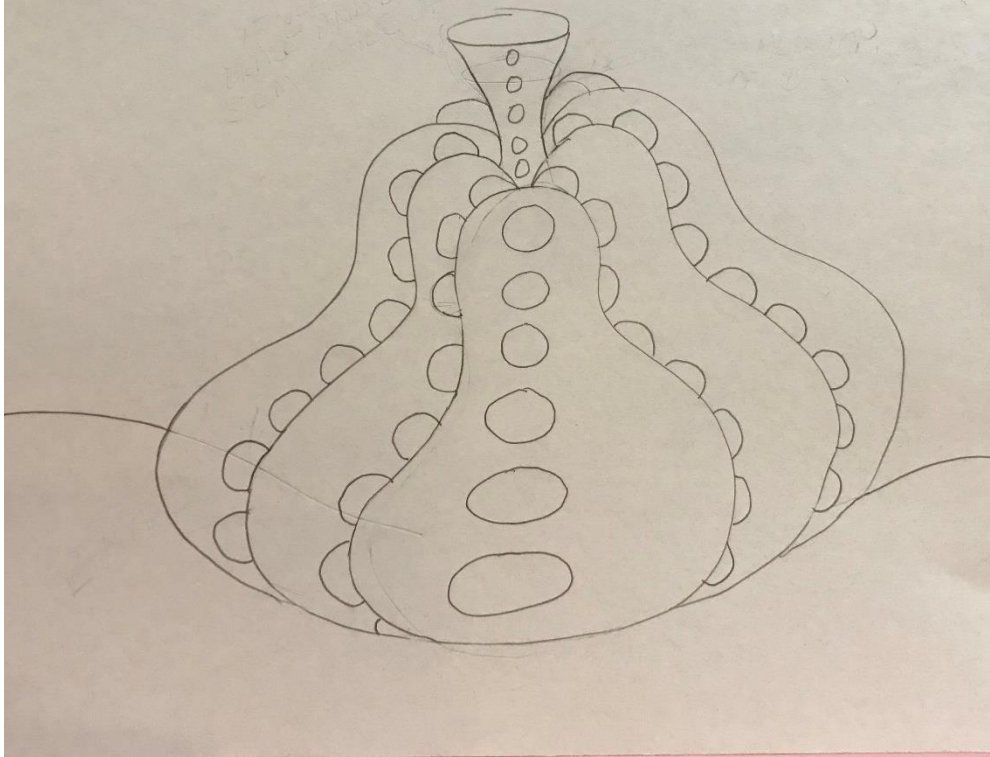
7. Add two more outside lines at the top next to the stem. These will not go all the way down. This helps to make it look 3-dimensional. Erase unwanted lines. If you need to erase part of the stem to make it longer, go ahead.



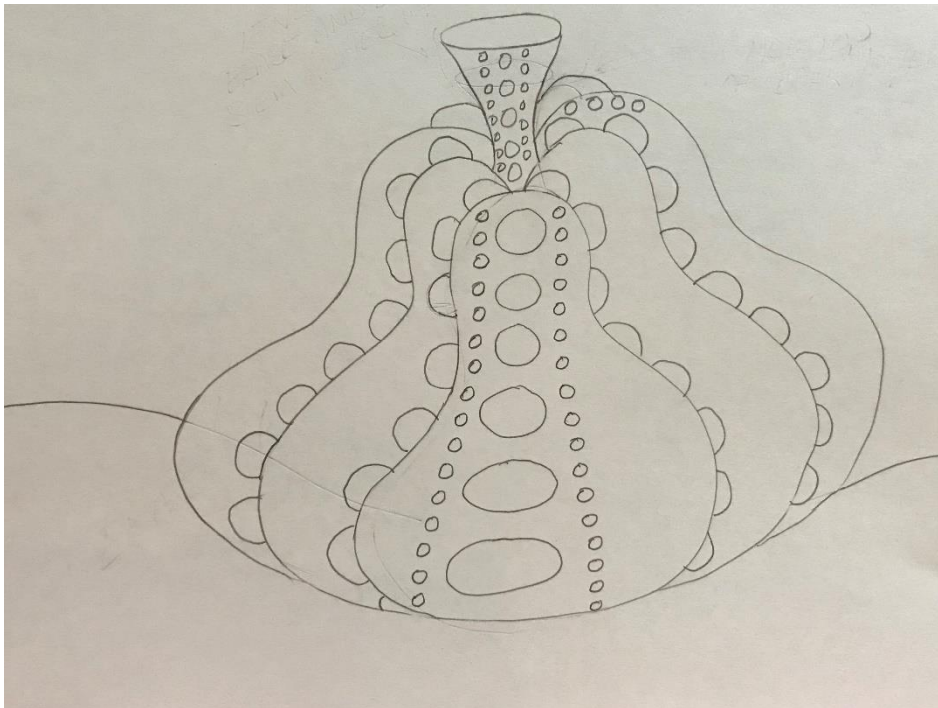
8. Start with relatively large dots or circles going up the middle of the pumpkin into the stem.



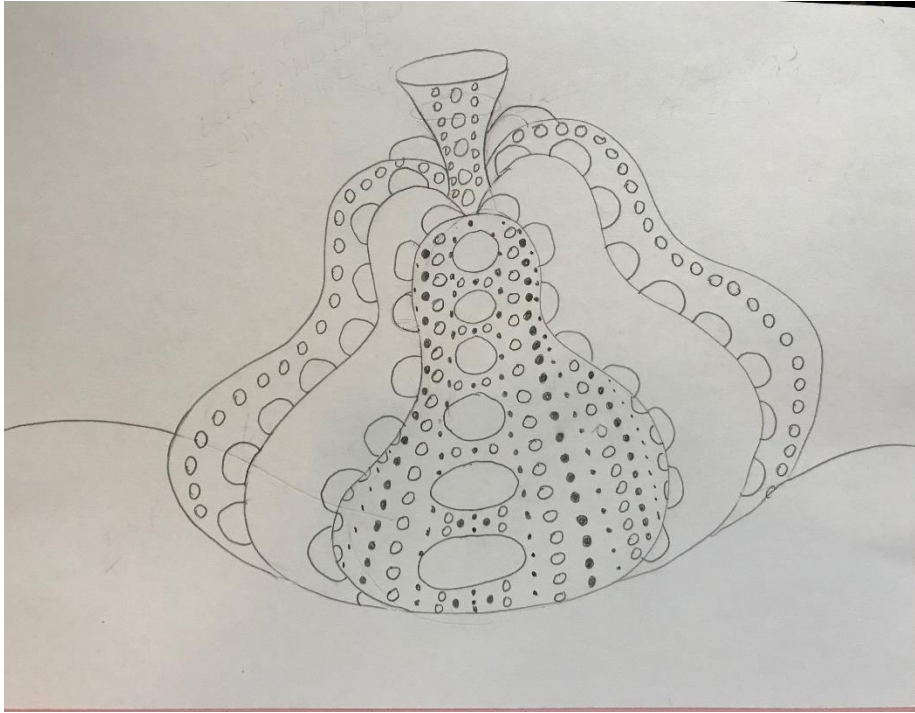
9. Add half dots on the sides of the shapes like spines.



10. Go back to the middle and add smaller dots/circles going up and down the shapes on both sides.



11. Start adding smaller dots that are filled in. Remember to dot the stem too. Continue to add dots in consistent rows of varying sizes until the entire pumpkin is covered.



Next start coloring in the pumpkin and outline the dots and pumpkin with a black sharpie.



Happy Polka-Dot!

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