

British Bats



Welcome to #MuseumMake - a fun activity inspired by The Powell-Cotton Museum. We hope that you have a go and share your #MuseumMake with us.

Pipistrelles are the most common and widespread of all British bat species. There are two very similar species, the common pipistrelle and soprano pipistrelle. They appear fast and jerky in flight as they dodge about hunting small insects. A single Pipistrelle can consume up to 3,000 insects in one night!

You will need:

- A small branch or twig
- Scissors
- A4 Black/Brown felt sheets
- A4 Bat body template
- Brown faux fur
- Rubber band
- Hot glue gun/ All-purpose glue
- Black Pipe cleaners

1. Place the wing template onto the felt sheet. Draw around the template and cut out the wings and ears.
2. Cut a rectangle from the black faux fur. Roll it into a cylinder to make the bat's body. Tie an elastic band around the top to make the bat's head.
3. Place the body in the middle of the felt wings making sure the head pokes up above them. Then using a glue gun or all-purpose glue, secure in place. Glue the felt ears to the top of the bat's head. (You may need an adult to help you).
4. Fold both pipe cleaners in half to make little hooks and attach them to the inside of the wings.
5. Fold the wings around the bat and glue one on top of the other. You do not need to glue the body to the wings, as the wings, when rolled up, will hold the body.
6. Hook your bat's feet to the branch so that it hangs upside down and display in your window!

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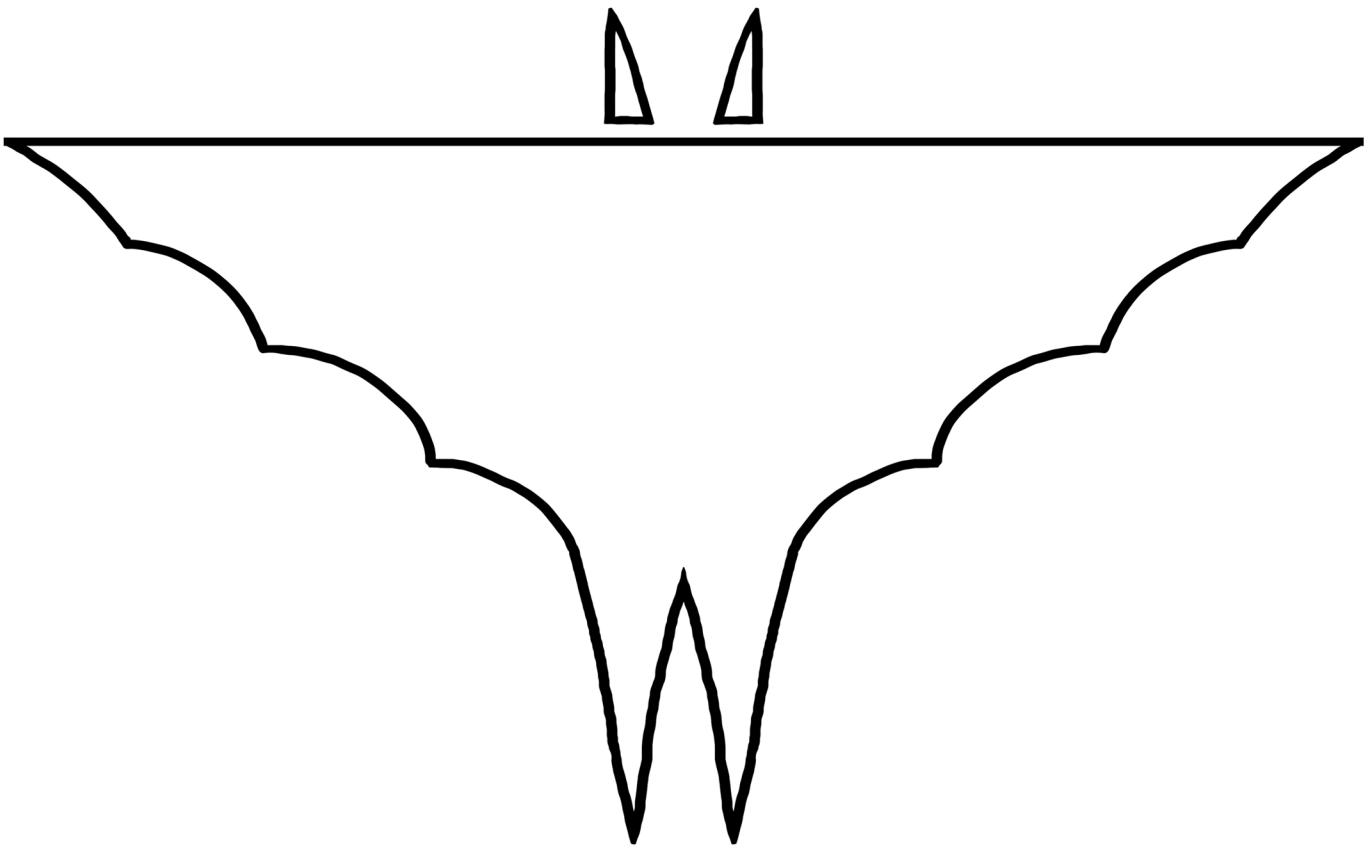
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Bat body template

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Use the template below to create the shape of your Pipistrelle bat body cut out brown or black felt.



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