Make a Bat Buddy!

Fluttering through the night sky, sleeping upside down and finding their way around in the darkness... bats are pretty amazing animals!

This month, we're making our own friendly Bat Buddy to hang up at home!

You will need:

- An empty cardboard toilet roll tube
- Black or dark-coloured paper
- Black paint or colouring pens
- Glue
- Child-safe scissors
- White paper
- A white pencil or crayon
- String or ribbon
- A grown-up to help with making holes

How to make your Bat Buddy

Step 1 - Make your bat's body

Paint or colour your cardboard tube black or dark brown. Leave it to dry if you've used paint.

Step 2 – Give your bat some ears

Gently push the top edges of the cardboard tube inwards towards each other. This creates two little points at the top - your bat's ears! You might need a grown-up to help you get the shape just right.

Step 3 – Create the wings

Fold your black paper in half and draw one big bat wing starting at the fold. Give the outside edge a wiggly, scalloped shape. Keeping the paper folded, carefully cut around your drawing. When you unfold it, you'll have **two matching wings joined in the middle.** Glue the middle section to the back of your cardboard tube. Your bat is ready to fly!

Step 4 – Add a friendly face

Cut two small circles from white paper and draw black pupils in the middle. Glue them onto your bat. Then use a white pencil or a tiny piece of white paper to add a smiling mouth and two little bat teeth. Is your bat happy, surprised, sleepy, or spooky? You decide!

Ask a grown-up to make a small hole near the top of your bat, thread some string through, and hang your bat up at home to fly!

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