

## Bat Crafts And Activities

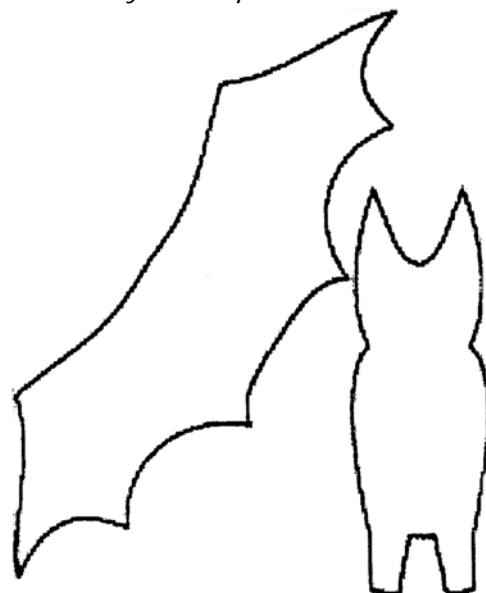
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**Bat Refrigerator Magnets** - Adapted from: <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/halloween/batclip/>  
*Kids will love to hang their favorite artwork on the fridge using this 'handy bat helper!'*

### Materials:

Black fun foam bat body/wings (see template) →  
Clothespin  
Magnet  
Googly eyes  
Scissors  
Glue



### Instructions:

1. Cut out bat body and wing shapes from fun foam.
  2. Glue wings to the back of the clothespin.
  3. Glue magnet to the back of the wings.
  4. Glue bat body to front of clothespin.
  5. Add some googly eyes!
  6. The glue will need some time to dry before your bat can be put to use!
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**Bat Noodle Necklace** - Adapted from: <http://familycrafts.about.com/cs/batcrafts/l/blnoodbat.htm>

*The latest in bat fashion, these necklaces are a hit with bat enthusiasts of all ages.*

### Materials:

Bow-tie pasta (spray painted black in advance)  
Tube/hollow pasta (such as ziti, spray painted black in advance)  
Black spray paint  
Black string or yarn  
Googly eyes  
Scissors  
Glue (quick drying tacky glue or hot glue guns work best)

### Instructions:

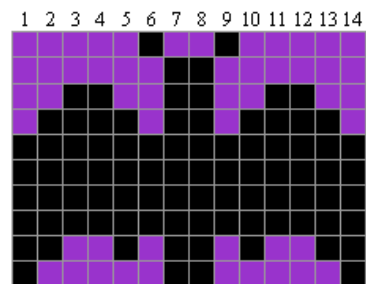
1. Pasta needs to be spray painted and allowed to dry well in advance.
2. Cut a 6" section of string, thread it through the hole in the tube pasta and tie a knot; creating a loose loop around/through the tube pasta that will be used later to thread the necklace string. This will allow the bat to hang upright. Trim off the extra string.
3. Glue the tube pasta to the bow-tie pasta, sandwiching the string loop in between to hide the knot.
4. Add googly eyes to the front of the tube pasta.
5. Allow sufficient time for the glue to dry.
6. Cut a 20" section of thick string and carefully thread it through the loop of string attached to the tube pasta.
7. Knot it and your necklace is now complete!

## Beaded Bat Pin - Adapted from: <http://familycrafts.about.com/cs/beadedsafetypins/l/blspinbat.htm>

Older children enjoy the intricacy of this wearable craft.

### Materials:

- 14 - 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> inch safety pins
- 1 - 2 inch safety pin
- Black seed beads
- Seed beads in a different color (shown purple in pattern)
- Needle-nosed pliers
- Flat-head screwdriver

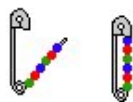


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### Instructions:

1. Open a safety pin (1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> inch) and slip the beads on using the numbered columns as a guide. When all beads are in place, close the safety pin and use the needle-nosed pliers to pinch the end so the pin will not pop open later. *Each column on the pattern represents 1 safety pin/bead colors. First pin will have 4 purple beads and 6 black beads; second will have 3 purple beads, 6 black beads, and 1 purple bead; etc.*
2. Once all the pins are beaded, set them aside. Be sure to keep them in order!
3. Open the large (2 inch) safety pin and use the screwdriver to slightly pry apart the coils.
4. Slip the loop of the first (column 1) beaded safety pin onto the larger one, pulling it down to the base of the large pin, around the coil/loop and up the backside. Repeat for each pin.
5. Once all the pins are attached, use the pliers to pinch the coil closed on the large safety pin.
6. Your bat pin is now ready to be attached to a shirt, hat, backpack, etc.

STEP 1



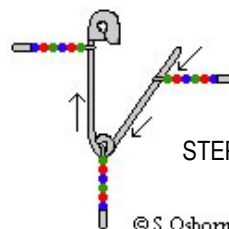
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STEP 3



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STEP 4



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## Pony Bead Bat - Adapted from: <http://www.makingfriends.com/ponybead/ponybat.htm>

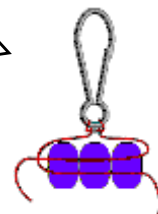
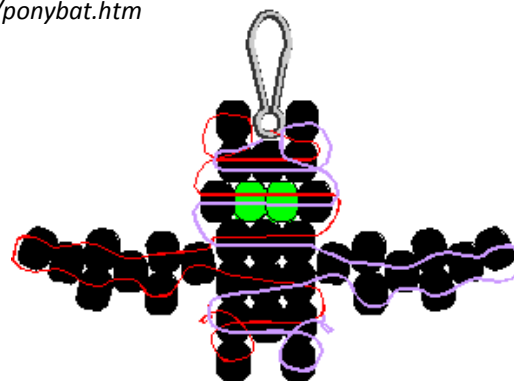
Great for attaching to backpacks to show your batty enthusiasm!

### Materials:

- 34 black pony beads
- 2 pony beads in another color
- 4 foot length of cord (either plastic lacing or something similar)
- Lanyard hook

### Instructions:

1. Fold the cord in half and find the center.
2. Use a half-hitch (see example) to secure it to the lanyard hook.
3. Lace beads using pattern example as a guide.
4. Finish by tying off with a double knot.



## Bat Origami - Adapted from: <http://art-smart.ci.manchester.ct.us/easy-bat/easy-bat.html>

The Japanese art of paper folding is challenging and teaches kids how to follow step-by-step directions.

### Materials:

Square paper

Scissors

### Instructions:

1. Fold a square piece of paper in half and be sure to press the fold down into a sharp crease!



2. Fold it in half a second time. The paper will be square again.

3. Stand up one side so it points straight up to the ceiling and the open end of the fold is towards you. It will look like a wall. Next, push your finger to the top and all the way to the bottom (to the table) of the fold. It will begin to open up into a roof shape.



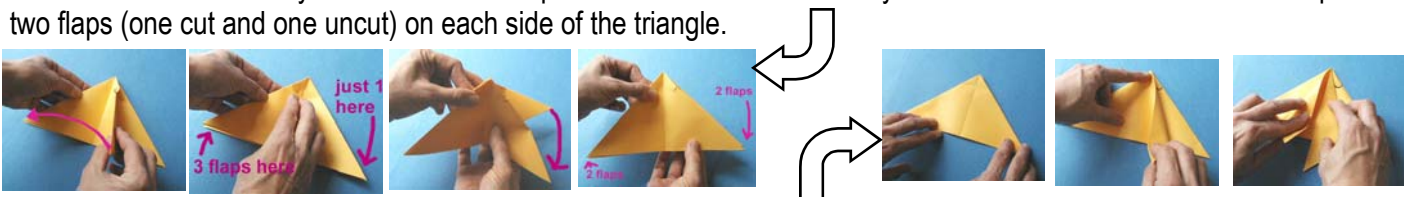
4. Press down, making sure the 'roof' is the same on both sides. Crease everything well.

5. Turn it over and stand up the square flap. Repeat the 'roof shape' fold a second time. Crease everything well.



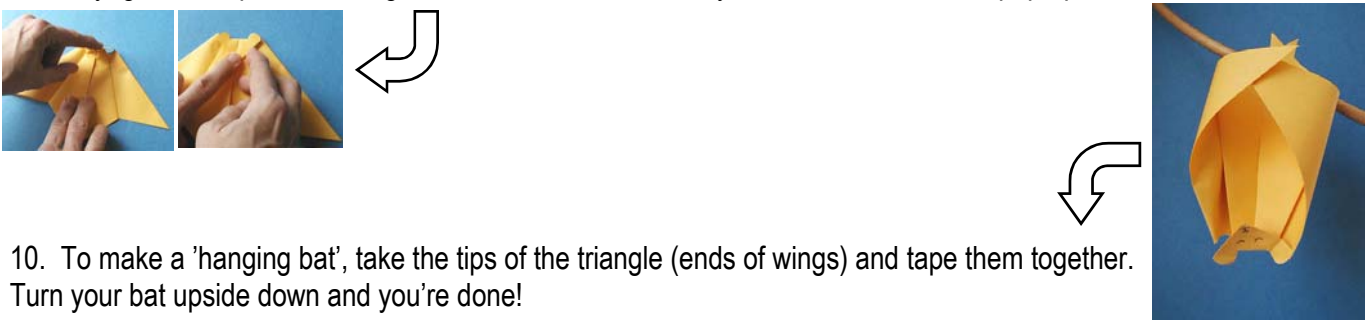
6. Next, draw a 'smile' shape on ONE side that DOES NOT TOUCH the center crease. (If you draw it too close, the bat's head will fall off!) Cut on the line.

7. Fold ONE of the cut layers to the LEFT. Flip ONE of the back UNCUT layers to the RIGHT. You should end up with two flaps (one cut and one uncut) on each side of the triangle.



8. Now, turn it over so the cut flaps are facing the table and the uncut sides are what you see. Next, fold in both edges of the TOP LAYER to meet the center crease.

9. Lastly, grab the tip of the triangle and fold it down towards you. The bat's ears will pop up and TA-DA! A bat!

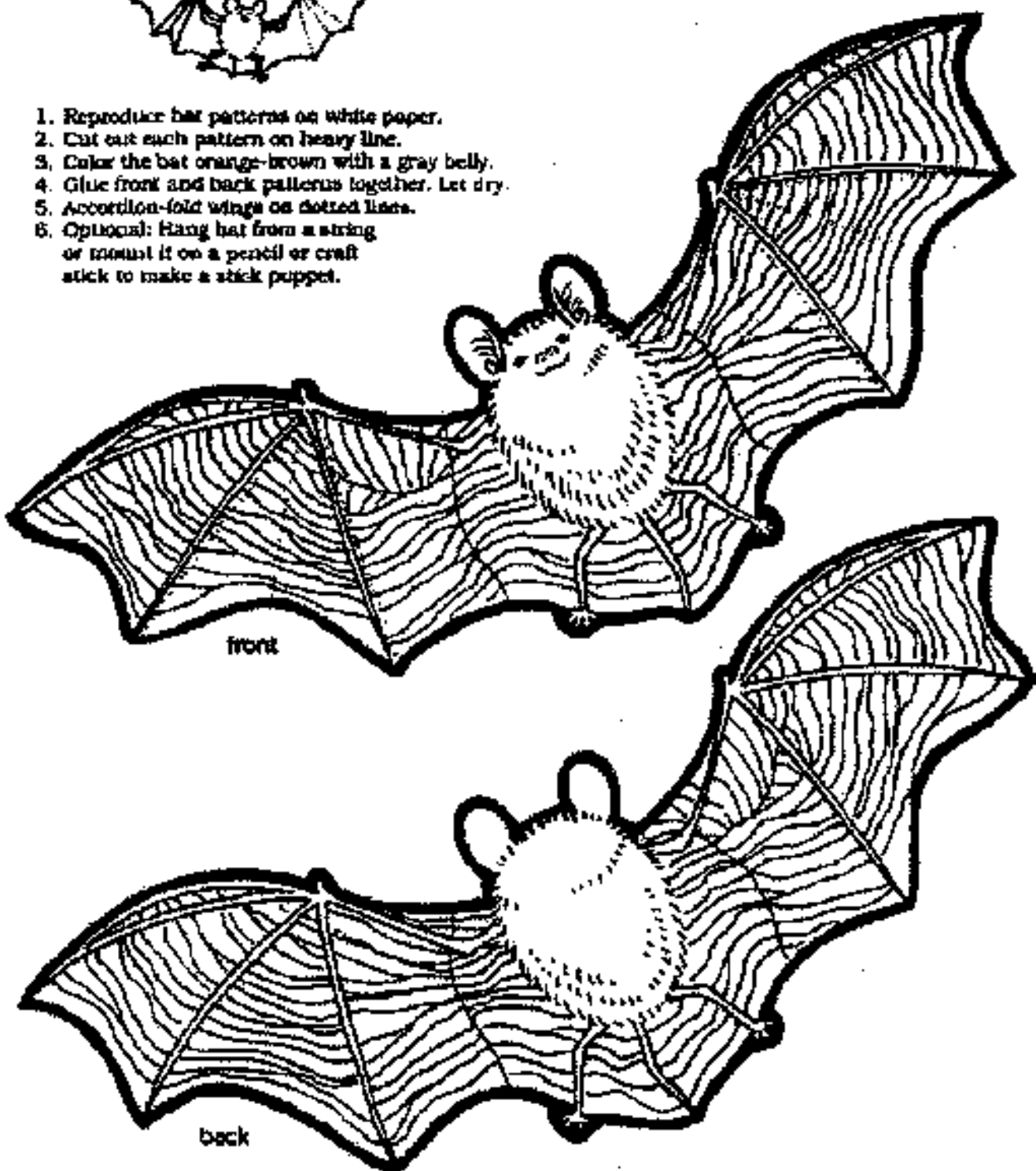


10. To make a 'hanging bat', take the tips of the triangle (ends of wings) and tape them together. Turn your bat upside down and you're done!

## Little Brown Bat Pattern



1. Reproduce bat patterns on white paper.
2. Cut out each pattern on heavy line.
3. Color the bat orange-brown with a gray belly.
4. Glue front and back patterns together. Let dry.
5. Accordion-fold wings on dotted lines.
6. Optional: Hang bat from a string or mount it on a pencil or craft stick to make a stick puppet.



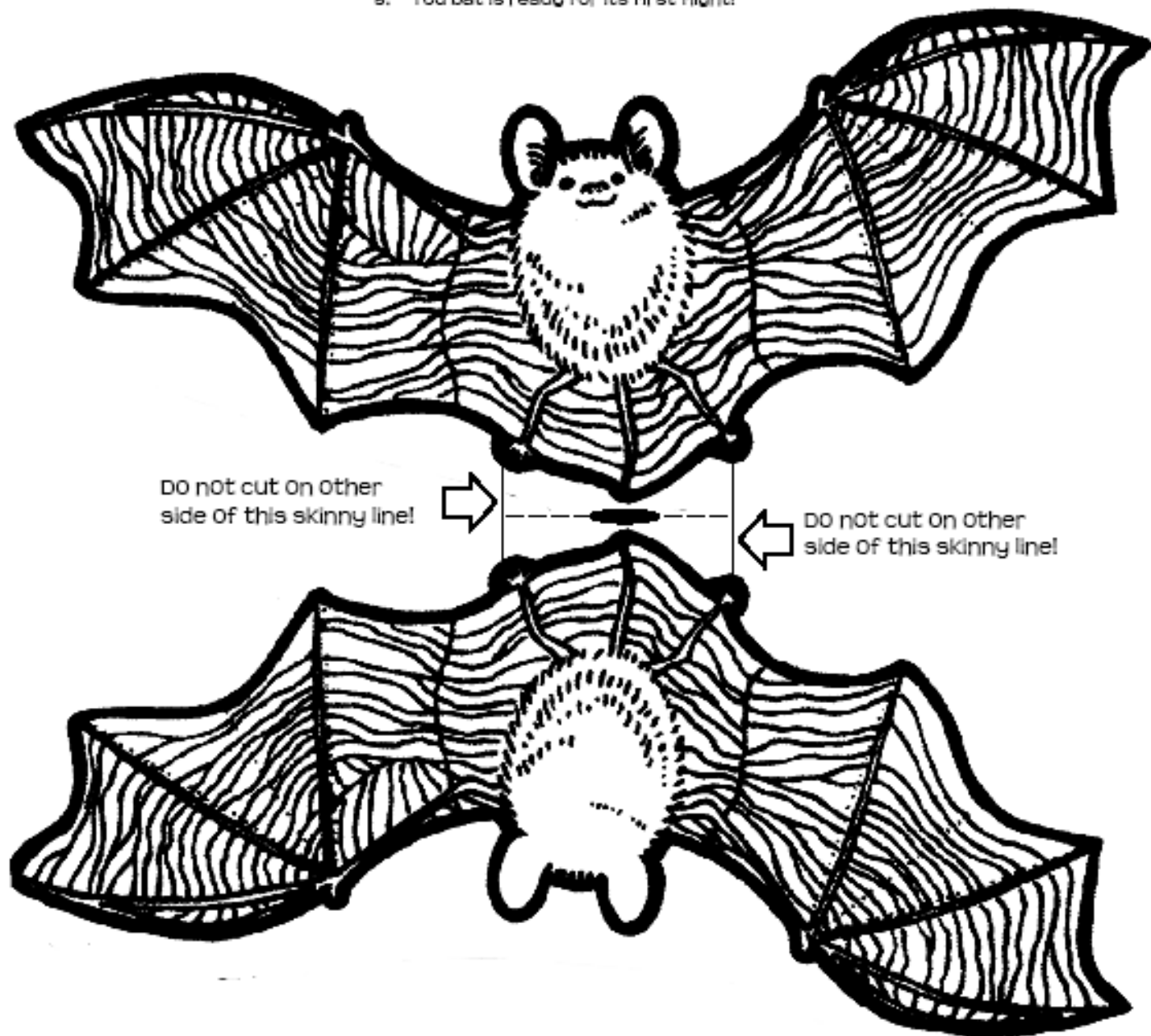
## Bat-on-a-stick!

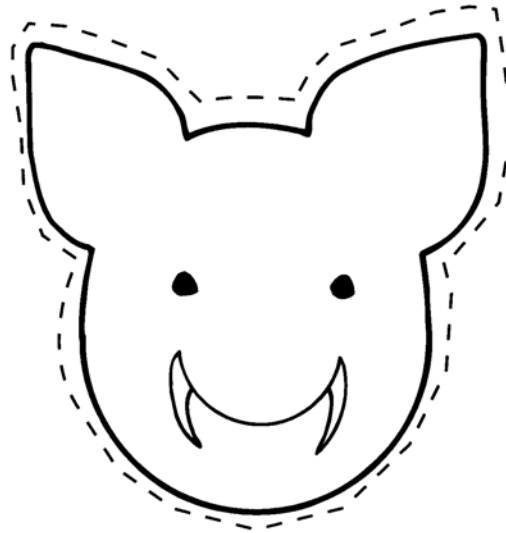
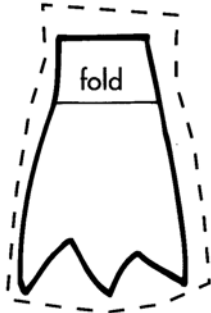
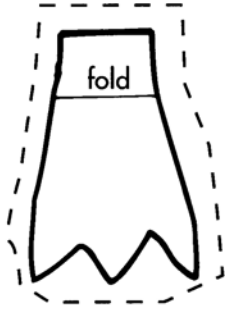
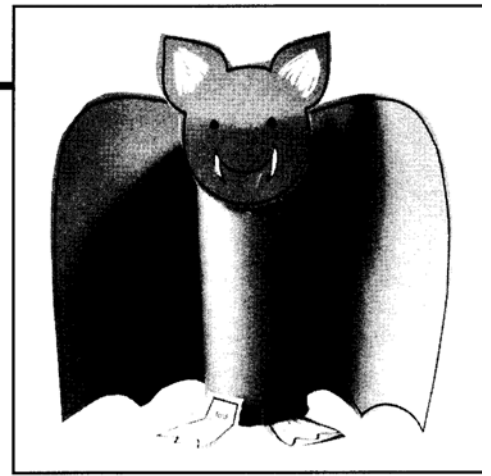
### Materials Needed:

- 1 - bat-on-a-stick paper
- Crayon colors of your choice
- 1 - pair of scissors
- 1 - Popsicle stick
- Glue

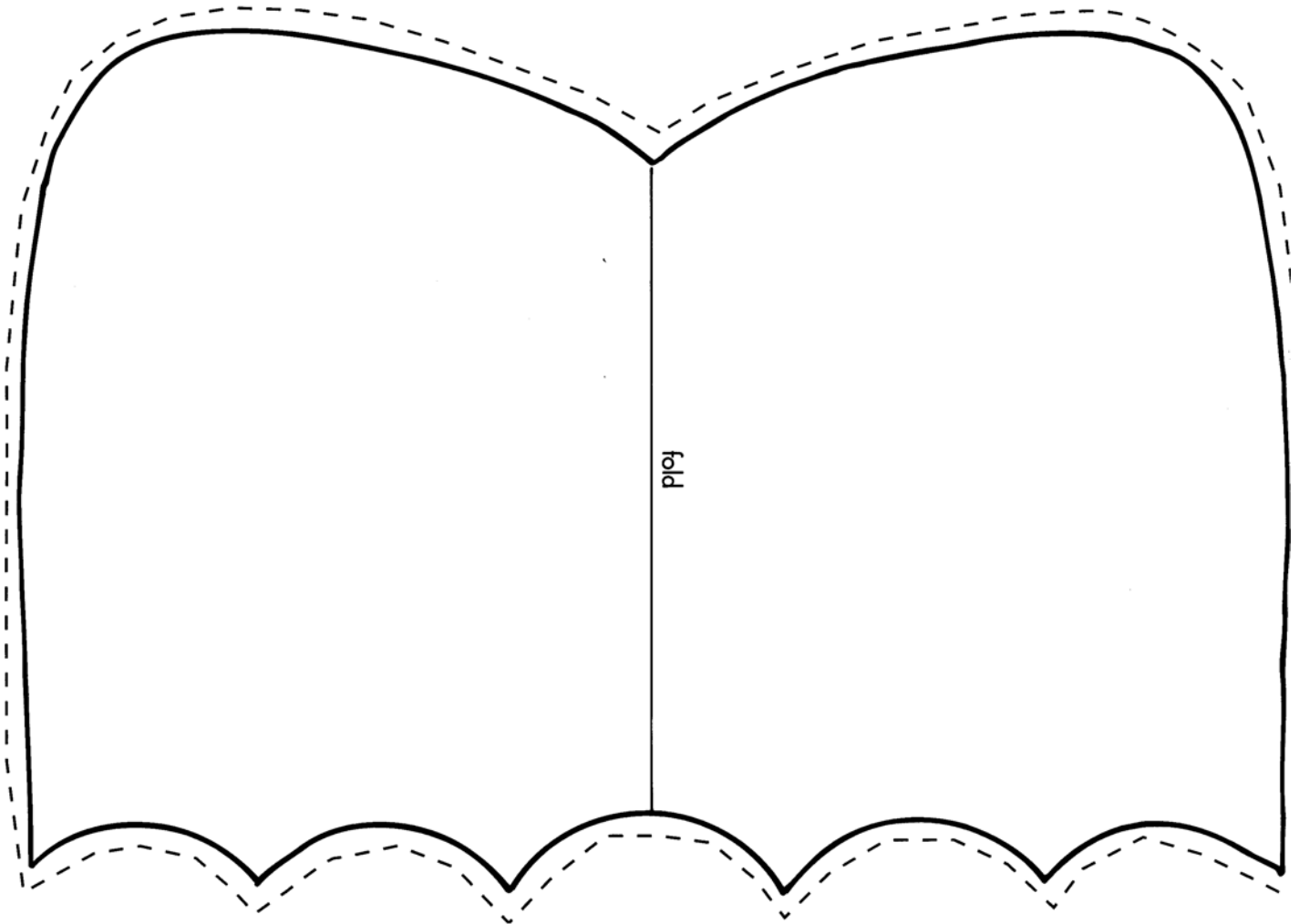
### Directions:

1. COLOR your bat
2. Cut around the outside of the bat, following the solid lines UNTIL YOU REACH THE FEET! Cut along the skinny line connecting the feet of the top and bottom bats so they stay connected! DO NOT cut along the dotted line.
3. After your bat is cut out, fold it in half along the dotted line matching the two halves.
4. Next, carefully cut out the solid circle along the folded dotted line - this is where the Popsicle stick will go!
5. Open up the folded bat and put the top of a Popsicle stick (about 1/3 of the stick) through the cut you just made.
6. Put some glue on the INSIDE OF ONE side of the bat - put some on the Popsicle stick, too!
7. Fold the bat in half again joining it together and sealing the top of the Popsicle stick inside.
8. After the bat dries a little, fold the wings of the bat in an accordion fold along the dotted lines found on the wings.
9. YOUR bat is ready for its first flight!





1. Cover the tube with black paper.
2. Color the bat patterns.
3. Cut out the patterns and glue them on the tube.





Place your  
Paper Tube Zoo  
friend here.

# Bat

Swoop and dive, little bat,  
Catch insects as you fly.

Hurry, hurry, little bat,  
Back to your cave nearby.

Write about your animal.

A large rectangular box containing ten horizontal lines for writing.

Paper Tube Zoo

Name:

A rectangular box for writing the name.