

BAT HEADBAND

WHAT IS A BAT?

Bats are the only mammal that can fly. Mammals are animals that have fur or hair, warm blood, and produce milk for their babies. Did you know that humans are mammals too?

Why are bats important?

Bats are an important part of natural ecosystems. Many bats eat insects and other pests that spread disease, others eat fruit and are nocturnal pollinators.

Here is a fun craft you can make to pretend that you're a bat!



Materials:

- Bat illustration provided, or draw your own!
- Pencils, markers, crayons
- Thick printing paper or card stock (thicker paper works better)
- Paper for the headband
- Stapler or tape
- Scissors



Directions:

1. Print out the bat illustration or draw your own.
2. Color your bat and cut it out.
3. Make a headband by cutting two long strips of paper, each should be approximately 11 inches long x 2 inches wide. Tape or staple the strips together on one end, making one long strip. Have someone help you gently wrap the band around your head to measure for size. Take the band off, and secure the other end where you measured, so you have a headband that fits!
4. Using tape or staples, attach both wings on opposite sides of the headband, and fold your wings out.
5. Tape or staple the bat face to the front of the headband.
6. Become a nocturnal critter for the night!

