



Are you batty about bats? Create your own version of these fascinating flying mammals with this fun activity.

Don't Hang About

You'll need...

- Toilet roll tube
- Black paint
- Scissors
- Gluestick
- Sticky tape
- Pipecleaner

Did you know...

...a single bat can eat up to 3,000 midges per night!



1: Fold in the opposite sides of the top edge of the toilet roll tube to create a curved shape with two 'ears' that stick up (see the picture for how it should look). Pinch the ears to sharpen the creases and help secure the folded edges. This is the head and body of your bat.

2: Paint the outside of the toilet roll tube with the black paint (or any other colour you fancy!). Allow to dry completely before moving on to the next step.

3: Cut out the eyes, teeth and wings from below and use your glue stick to attach them to the bat's body. You could use our wings as a template if you want to cut them out from a different colour of paper.

4: Finally, cut two pieces of pipecleaner that are each about 5cm long. Attach the two pieces inside the bottom edge of the toilet roll tube using the sticky tape and fold the ends over to create feet.

5: Find the perfect perch for your bat and hang it up using its feet as hooks. You could make lots of bats and create your very own bat roost!

