

Bat Flutter Puppets!

YOU'LL NEED: BLACK CONSTRUCTION PAPER, SCISSORS, GLUE STICK, CRAYONS OR COLORED PENCILS, POPSICLE STICK OR PLASTIC SPOON

- We're going to **explore** using color on a black background! If you don't have black paper, you can color a thick paper like cardstock with black colored pencil.

- **Fold** your paper in half, and draw a bat so that the belly lines up with the fold. You can use the template on this sheet as a stencil. **Cut** a tiny, oval shaped hole right in the middle of the folded part of the bat's body- just big enough to slide a popsicle stick into. Cut out your bat- when you unfold it down the middle, you should have the shape of a bat in flight!



-To put your bat together, lay your bat flat. Slide the tip of the popsicle stick through the little hole from underneath. Put **glue only** on the head parts and the middle body, right around the stick, and squish the body together- making a popsicle stick sandwich. If you don't have a popsicle stick, turn a plastic spoon upside down and use the handle.

-**Decorate** your bat! What colors work well? Is your bat wearing clothes? Is your bat trying to stand out, or trying to hide? Do you want to decorate the top *and* bottom of your bat's wings? Does your bat have a face? What is your bat feeling?

- **Fold** each wing down so they're sticking straight out, and move the stick up and down to flutter your bat!

Place the belly on the fold!

