

BOOK BATS



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A note from Page

My bat is a book bat, but what kind of bat is yours? A flying fox bat? Bulldog bat? You decide!

Did you know that bats use sound to see? **Echolocation:** it's like making music to find food! Bats send out sound waves from the mouth or nose. When the sound waves hit an object, they produce echoes. The echo bounces off the object and returns to the bats' ears.

Materials:

- 1 Brown sock
(or whatever color sock you want your bat to be)
- 1 Piece of light brown felt
- 1 Small piece of red felt
- 2 Small googly eyes
- 3 Pipe cleaners
- 1 Wire Coat Hanger
- Stuffing for the Bat Body
(I used more socks. You can also use newspaper.)
- 1 Pantyhose Leg
- Three large safety pins
- Craft Glue or Double-Stick Tape
- Scissors
- Masking Tape (or Duct Tape)
- Rubber Band



Directions:

1. Stuff the brown sock with more socks or newspaper until it is about the size of a baked potato.
2. Cut off the rest of the sock
3. Close the sock by wrapping it with a rubber band.
4. Cut one pipe cleaner in half and wrap around the rubber band. Allow a few inches of pipe cleaner to stick out for the bat's legs.
5. Cut two 1-inch pieces of pipe cleaner and attach to the bottom of the legs to make toes.
6. Use craft felt to make ears, under-eye, and nose. Attach with glue or double-stick tape.
7. Attach googly eyes to the under-eye.
8. Wrap pipe cleaners around the wire coat hanger to resemble a network of bones.
9. Cut one leg off the pantyhose. Wrap the excess around the neck of the hanger and secure with masking tape to create wings.
10. Attach the body to the wings with safety pins.
11. Hang your fruit bat upside down from coat hanger hook.

If you'd like to post your bat, let us know with the hashtag #Storyologist!