

Flapping Bat Craft: The Perfect Interactive Halloween Decoration

Adapted From Penny Whitehouse (From Mother Natured Website)



Flapping bat craft materials:

• Bat Bodies (2)	• Bat Wings (2)	• Fishing line (3)
• Long Straight Stick/Wooden Dowel (1)	• Short Stick/Wooden Dowel (1)	• Twine or String (1)

These items will also be needed for construction but may not be included in the Vat Smells Bat Kit

• Coloring Utensils [Not included in kit]	• Scissors (Optional)	• A good craft glue (We recommend Tape! 😊)
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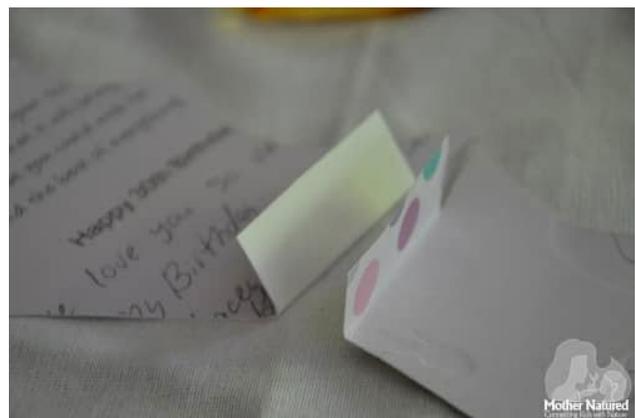
How to make the flapping bat craft

Step One: Color Your Bat

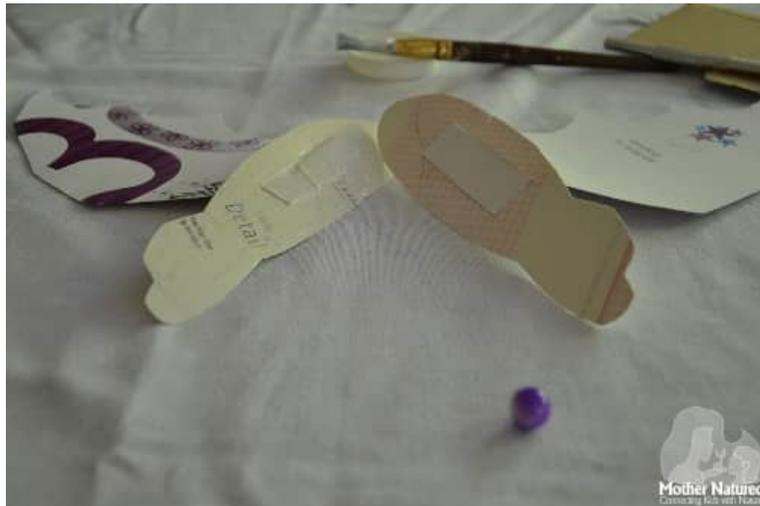
Although you can color the bat after it's put together, we recommended coloring the parts of the bat before construction. You can use the Vat Smells Color Recommendation card as a guide or use your imagination!

Step Two: Make your bat

1. Fold in the rectangle edges of the **bat wings**.



2. Slip the wings through the slot you cut in the **body** and glue or tape them down (see the image below)



3. Take one **fishing line** and tie the **short stick/wooden dowel** on the end of the fishing line. Then take the other end of the fishing line and slide some of it into one of the slots in the bat body. If using tape, tape down the fishing line to bat's body to keep it from moving. Then glue or tape the two bat bodies together.

Hang up your flapping bat

4. Take one of the **long fishing lines** and thread it through the premade holes on the bat. Thread the line from the top of the wing, pull it through under the wing, and pull the line back through the opposite hole to the top of the wing. Pull the exposed line coming through the holes to make sure they are even in length and place tape on the underside of the wing over the line to keep it from moving out of place. Repeat for the second wing.



5. Tie the other ends of the fishing line to the **long wooden dowel/stick** (see image above). Try to make sure you tie it in a similar length to all the fishing line, so it balances. *Tip: If the wings aren't sitting straight, you'll either have to tie the fishing line again, so that it balances or replace the small wooden dowel with something heavier like a fishing sinker.*

6. Attach one **long piece of string/twine** to each side of the **long stick/wooden dowel** to make a handle.



7. Pull on the small stick/ wooden dowel hanging from the bottom of the bat to make your bat flap its wings!



Flapping Bat



If you make the bat and post it online, please consider including us in your post at [@gwis_au](https://www.instagram.com/gwis_au) or use the hashtag [#GWISAUjrMad21](https://www.instagram.com/hashtag/GWISAUjrMad21) . We would love to see your bat!