

# How to make a finger puppet bat

**You will need:** cardboard roll, pencil, thin card (cereal box or similar), paint, paintbrush, fine nib permanent marker (black) or felt tip pen (black), scissors, glue stick, sticky tape.

## Instructions:

1. Gently press downwards and inwards one end of the cardboard roll.
2. On the thin card, draw two circles (for eyes), two small triangles (for teeth) and two wings. Cut out with scissors.
3. Paint the cardboard roll and the wings in a colour of your choice. Leave to dry.
4. Add pupils to the eyes with the permanent marker or felt tip pen. Glue on the eyes and two teeth to the cardboard roll.
5. Use sticky tape to secure the wings to the cardboard roll. You might like to angle them so your bat appears to be in flight.
6. Your bat is ready! To use it as a puppet, insert several fingers inside the base of the cardboard roll. You can now imagine many adventures for your bat.

**Fun facts: in the museum library, there is a British bat on display. British bats eat insects and use echolocation to hunt for them in the dark. A tiny pipistrelle, one of the bats that live in Britain, can eat up to 3,000 insects in a night!**

