

How to make a badger windsock



1. Colour in the badger's head on white paper and then cut it and the four paws from white paper.
2. Add wiggly eyes or draw eyes onto the face.
3. From an A4 sheet of black paper (or colour a piece of white paper) cut out 4 strips – now fold the strips as if making a fan. These will act as the streamers.
4. Roll another piece of black paper (or colour in a piece of white paper) into a cylinder shape and glue in place. Glue the 4 strips at the bottom, evenly spaced apart, and glue the head and paws into place.
5. Attach a piece of string (using sticky tape) for hanging at the top. You've finished!

A few facts about badgers:

- The badger you see in West Berkshire is the European badger belonging to the weasel family that also includes the otter, stoat, polecat, ferret and pine marten.
- The name badger is believed to come from the French word 'becheur' meaning digger.
- Badgers are nocturnal animals meaning they are awake and active during the night.
- Badgers have a small head, small eyes, a thick short neck and a long wedge shaped body with a short tail. The average adult length from head to tail is 750mm.
- Males are slightly larger and heavier than females.
- Male badgers are called boars, females are sows and young are cubs.
- A badger's hair is black and white – leading to a grey appearance from a distance.

