

# Bat wrap

Bats are the only mammal which has adapted specifically for flight, but a bat's wings are used for more than just flying. They also use them to keep warm and even to catch insects.

Bats hang upside down because they cannot take off from the ground like a bird can; they need to drop from a height to take flight!

## What you need:

- Printer
- Scissors
- Colouring felts or anything else you would like to use
- Tape
- A wooden skewer or a stick – you could hunt outside to find one!

## What to do:

1. Colour in the bat image
2. Cut around the edges of the bat
3. Using tape, attach your bat's feet to the skewer or stick.
4. Fold your bat's wings along the dotted lines, wrapping them around the bat's body.
5. Hang your bat upside down!

### Did you know?

Bats use touch-sensitive receptors on their wings to help them catch insects in midair!

Find out about New Zealand bats in the Nature Gallery!

### Have you ever tried to hang upside down?

How did it make you feel? Bats can stay upside down for a really long time, but stay comfortable because their veins and arteries have a special kind of valve to prevent their blood from flowing backwards.



