



Flapping bat

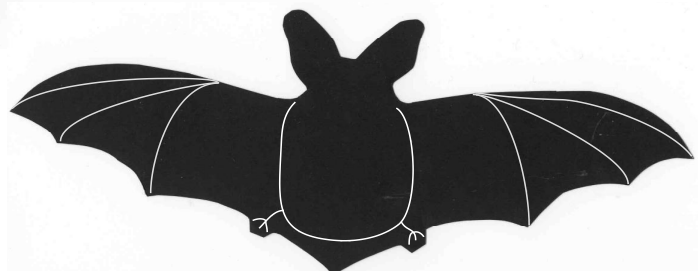
YOU WILL NEED

- Black cardboard (200 gm weight works well)
- A wooden kebab skewer
- A metal paper fastener
- Some black duct tape
- A selection of metallic pens
- A large diameter (approximately 8–10mm) drinking straw
- Black duct tape
- A small stapler
- Small scissors
- A knitting needle or bradawl

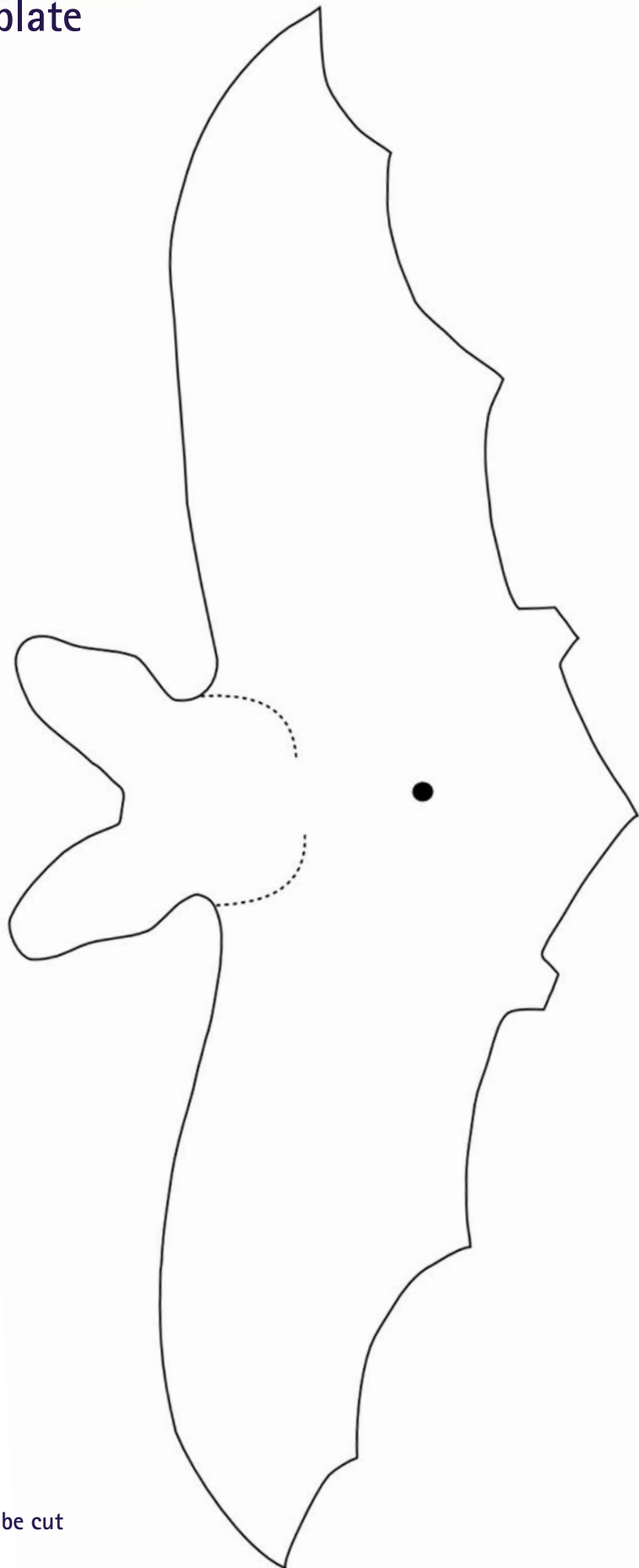


METHOD

1. Using the black card, cut out your bat (a template is provided below)
2. With your bat cut out, using a knitting needle or bradawl, make a hole in the centre of the bat, which will be big enough for the skewer to slide through, but must be smaller than the head of the paper fastener (see template for location of the hole)
3. Take a kebab skewer and place the paper fastener on the pointed end of the skewer
4. Cut a small strip of duct tape, approximately 2 centimetres wide by 4 centimetres long and wrap tightly around the paper fastener and skewer
5. Draw a face and ears on your bat (metallic craft pens work best on black card)
6. Turn your bat over and draw the fingers, feet and body on your bat.



Flapping bat template

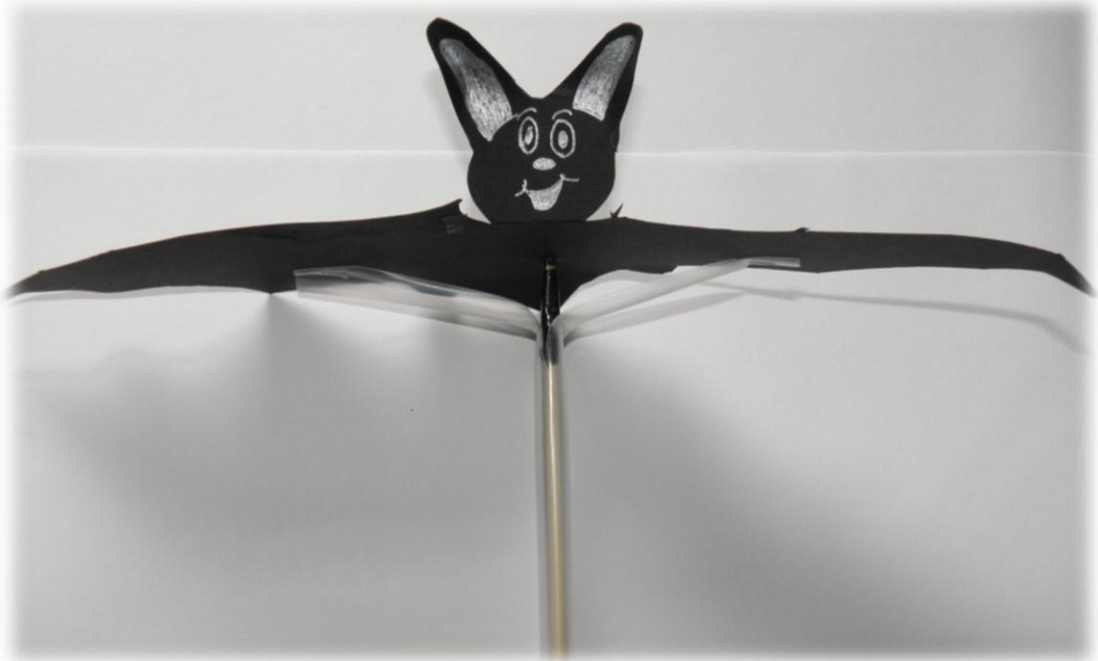


Note: The dotted lines also need to be cut to allow the head to stand up.

7. With the bats face pointing downwards, push the wooden end of the skewer through the central hole in the bat until the paper fastener is flush with the wings. Note you may need to wiggle the skewer a little here to push the paper fastener through the hole.
8. Place a small square of black duct tape over the top of the paper fastener to stop it moving up and down.
9. Make a cut down the side of the drinking straw approximately one-third the length of the straw. Then make an identical cut on the opposite side of the straw.
10. Thread the drinking straw over the skewer with the cut end of the straw going first as this will form the flapping mechanism for the bat.
11. Tease the drinking straw apart at the top and then using a small stapler, insert a staple through the straw and the bats wing towards the end of the straw. Repeat on the other side.
12. Fold the bats head upwards along the cut lines
13. Crease the bats ears gently along the centre line

Hold the bottom of the skewer with one hand, and then slide the straw up and down with the other hand and your bat will happily flap his wings!

Your bat is ready to fly!



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