



# Activity of the month

## Make a bat finger puppet!

August



**Greater and lesser horseshoe bats** roost in the Avon Gorge. Both species are rare in the UK so we are very lucky to have them here! British bats are **nocturnal** which means that they come

out at night. You may have heard the saying 'blind as a bat' but bats can actually see fairly well; however for hunting in the dark they rely more on their hearing, using **echolocation**. They send out a high pitched call or warble that bounces back off the insects, such as beetles and moths, that they like to eat. The echo tells them how big the prey is and which way it is heading!



Look in our 'Play' section to find out how to play 'bat and moth' and practice hunting like a bat!



**You will need:**

A4 black felt square  
some small pieces of pink felt

Sewing kit

Googly eyes

Glue

**You will also need:** Scissors  
and an adult helper.



1. Cut out the templates from the next page. Pin them to your black felt and cut round them to give you the front and back pieces of your bat. Cut out a pink heart shape for the face, and two pink triangles for the ears.

2. Starting with the front piece of felt, the shape with ears on it, sew on the heart-shaped face.



3. Sew the pink triangles on to make the ears.



4. Add a little mouth - this could be a simple T shape, or you may want to add a smile!



5. Sew the back piece onto your bat with black thread.



6. Finally glue on your googly eyes and let them dry before trying out your bat puppet!



# Bat finger puppet templates

