



BATTY FACTS

We have 12 types of bat in Cornwall.
A bat can eat up to 3,000 insects in 1 night.
A bat can live up to 30 years.
A bat mum usually has 1 baby a year.
Bats sleep deeply (hibernate) in winter.
Bats die out if they lose their homes or food.

How can we help bats?

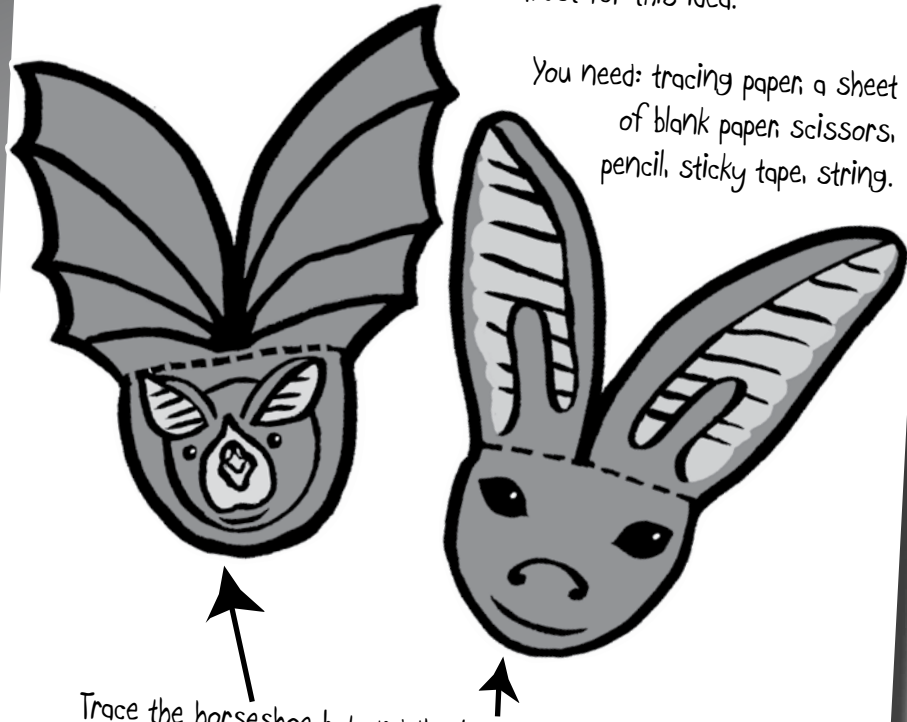
 Bats need lots of flying insects to eat. Provide flowers, ponds, trees, hedges and long grass for insects.

 Bats need safe places to sleep and breed, like old buildings and old trees with cracks and holes. Experts can put special bat tiles into roofs, or put up bat boxes in woods. Never disturb bats or use poisons near them. They are protected by law.

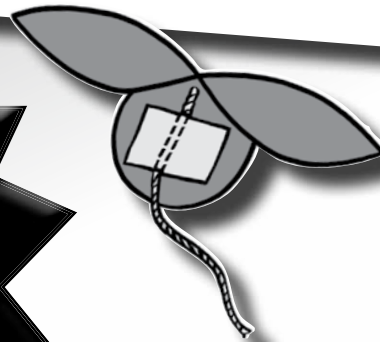
MAKE WHIRLY BATS

These whirly bats are really easy to make.
Thank you to the Bat Conservation Trust for this idea.

You need: tracing paper, a sheet of blank paper, scissors, pencil, sticky tape, string.



Trace the horseshoe bat and the long-eared bat face onto the sheet of paper and cut them out.



Fold each wing or ear along the dotted line. Stick a long piece of string onto the back.

To make your whirly bat fly, just hold the string and pull it back and forth through the air. It swoops like a bat!



BATTY FACES

Horseshoe bats have funny faces, with a horseshoe shape called a nose leaf.



Long-eared bats have huge ears to help them hear the echoes of their squeaks.

