

T-SHIRT BAT WINGS



The days are growing darker and the nights are growing longer. It's the perfect time to spot some bats out and about! Making T-shirt Bat Wings is a fun way to engage in imaginative play while learning about these special nocturnal creatures.

MATERIALS

Black Shirt *Scissors *Chalk *Hot Glue Gun *Hot Glue Sticks *Hair Bands *Safety Pin

STEPS

- 1) Grab a black t-shirt: Long sleeved, short sleeved, or even a tank top.
- 2) Lie it flat on a table and smooth out the creases.
- 3) Using a piece of chalk (or other writing utensil that will appear on black fabric), draw a pattern on the shirt identical to the photo example below.
- 4) Keeping the shirt flat, cut out the pattern, making sure you keep both sides of the shirt together so they are cut together/identically.
- 5) Keeping the two pieces together, use a hot glue gun to glue the front bottom seam of the shirt to the back bottom seam of the shirt- Lift up the front seam, line the back seam with hot glue, place the front seam back into place, and press down on the seams to stick them together and complete the hot glue fusion. Let sit/dry/cool for 10 minutes.
- 6) Ope the two sides of the attached shirt pieces and lay them out to reveal your wings!
- 7) Take a hair band and fold the tip of one wing over it. Apply a touch of hot glue and press the fabric together to secure the fabric over the loop. Repeat on the other side.
- 8) Take the third hair band and, in the same fashion, fold the material at the top of the middle of the wings over the band, apply hot glue, and press the fabric together to secure the fabric over the loop. Let sit/dry/cool for 10 minutes.
- 9) Become a bat! Put your wings on by first attaching the middle hair band to the collar of your shirt with a safety pin. Once it's secured, slip your wrists through the hair bands on each wing. Fly free!



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