



Batty Origami

MATERIALS

Square piece of black paper

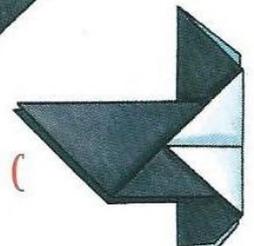
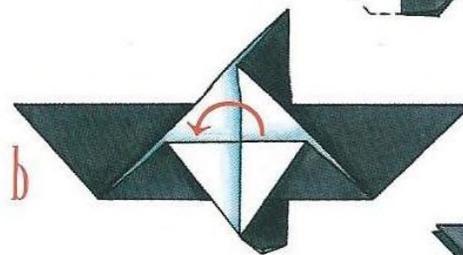
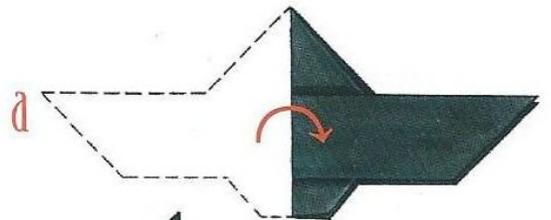
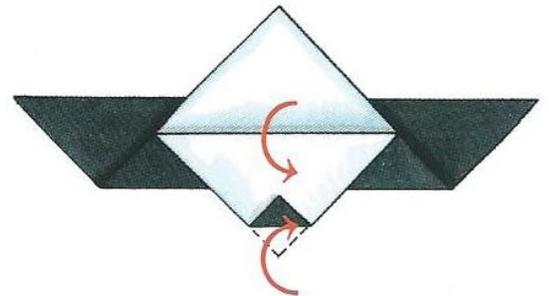
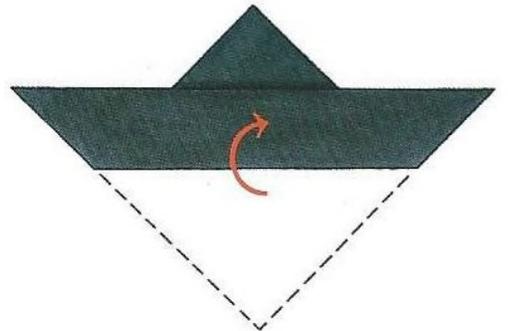
Glue

Scissors

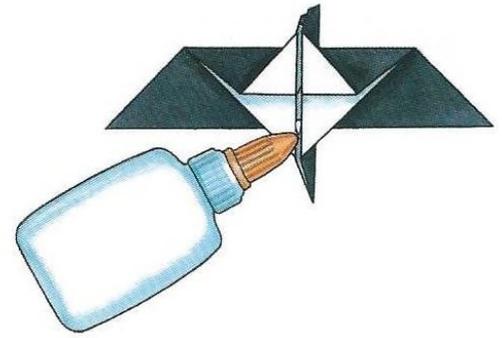
Black marker, crayon, or colored pencil

DIRECTIONS

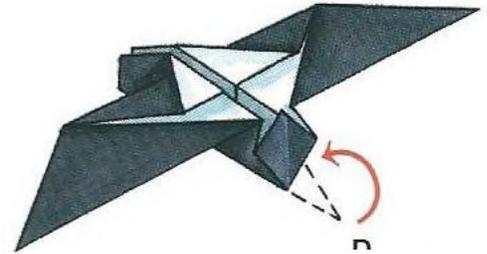
1. Begin with a square of black paper, white side up if it has one. Lay it in a diamond shape then fold the bottom point up to meet the top point.
2. Turn the form over, and fold the top point on just the front flap halfway down. Fold the bottom tip back up $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Now you have the body and wings of the bat.
3. Fold the left side in half over the right side, aligning the edges. Use a Valley Fold to fold the front flap on the right to the left, then use a Mountain Fold to fold the back flap.



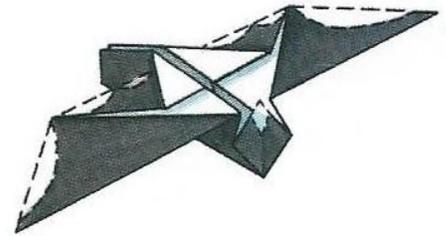
4. Open the wings back up so they are spread apart. Glue the area at the back where the wings meet.



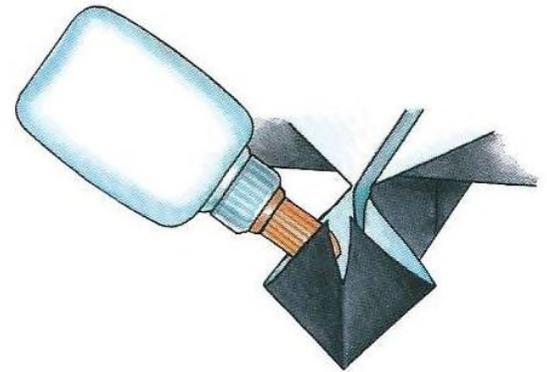
5. To make the bat's head, squash-fold point D by holding the tip and pushing it down flat until it forms a square. Dab some glue inside the head so it lies closer to the body.



6. To give the bat ears and add curves to the wings, use scissors to cut away areas shown by the dotted lines in the illustration.



7. Secure the head with a dab of glue to the opening below the ears. Color any exposed white areas black.



8. Use paint if you want to add eyes, a mouth, and teeth.

You can make one bat or several to create a bat mobile. To assemble your mobile, cut out a moon from white or yellow card stock and glue or tape it to a wire hanger. Then tie on your bats using varying lengths of string or clear fishing line. Now show off your mobile by hanging it from a doorway or curtain rod.

