

BAT FACTS:

1/4 of all mammal species are bats.

Voracious bug eaters, others are nectar feeders and fruit eaters.

Active at night. Sleep during day.

Some migrate, some hibernate.

Can live 20 or more years.

A bat's fingers are important parts of their wing.

Their fingers allow them to change the shape and curve of the wing. The first and second finger are joined (fused) at the last knuckle.

Can you see this in the drawing?

Can you find the thumbs?

(Hint: they are up and off the wrist and outside of the wing membrane.)



Micro means small,
Mega means big.
Chiro means hand,
Ptera means wing.

So, what does
Microchiroptera mean?
and Megachiroptera?

(Answer at lower right side of page)

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Bat Craft:

1. Cut out bat.
2. Glue clothespin on center line - clip-end at mouth of bat.
3. Glue magnet to back of bat.
4. Let your bat hang upside down (really rightside up for a bat!) by placing the magnet against metal.

Makes a great refrigerator magnet - note holder!

(Microchiroptera = small hand wing and Megachiroptera = big hand wing)