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Bats R Easy



Here is another way to make bats with foam and wire.

The first thing I did was cut a piece of scrap foam to the size I wanted 5" long , 2" wide & 2" deep.(use any size you want) I then used a file to give it a rough shape of a bats body. I didn't sand it because who wants a pretty bat. Later on I'll cover the foam with latex anyway. On the right you can see I added two pieces of wire 36" long.

Once I cut the wire I took one piece at a time and pushed them thru the body close to each other but thru different holes. Now I balanced the wire equally so both wings would look about the same size. Then I carefully twisted the wire around each other as in the picture here.



I put some hot glue around the areas were the wire came thru the foam. Don't let the glue get to hot it will melt the foam. On the right you see two bat bodys I'm going to use paper towel on one and cheese cloth on the other as wing skin.



As you can see in the above two pictures I added two pieces of wire to each bat. One on each wing about 4" away from the body. This wire will support the skin (towel/cheese cloth) and give the bat some cool bone look wings. The size of this wire doesn't matter just balance it on both wings. If both wings are the same size it will look cool.



Above you can see some cotton balls that were unwrapped into lengths of cotton about 4-5 inches long. Next I wrapped the cotton length around the wing wires. I wrap them tight and if I want the bones bigger I'll wrap another layer of cotton on it. You can lightly wet the end of the cotton so it holds the shape you want.



The wings are wrapped and ready for latex.



Just two pieces of wire bent to your liking and applied to give this cutie so ears.



On the left is my latex applying tools, latex and brown dye. The tools are a brush to apply the latex by brushing it on. A razor tool to clean dry latex from brush and a cup of water that keeps the latex on the brush from drying when its not being used. On the right I'm applying latex with the brush just like applying paint. Make sure the brush has latex on it. If it doesn't the cotton will just stick to the brush. (after you do it for a bit you will see what I'm talking about- Its not hard) I start by adding latex to the area were the wing connects to the body then work the latex toward the wing tip.



On the left I'm working on applying latex to the wing bone. I'm sorry but the four pictures between the picture on the left and the picture on the right didn't come out. What I did was continue applying latex to the wing bone. Then I stop to let the bones dry. Once it dried I added some latex to the top of one wing. Before it dried I placed a piece of paper towel over the wing bone. I did the same to the other wing then let both dry. Once they dried I brushed a coat of latex over both bones and towel.



Above on the right is the wing with a fresh coat of latex on it. On the right is a dry coat of latex. Later I'll coat the tips of the wings that are still white.



Above is the other Bat I'm making at the same time only I'm using cheese cloth for the skin. I got this idea from Ironman. It looks cool already. I think a little brown paint air brushed on would look cool. Now you can see how I just put a piece of cloth over the wet latex on the wing bones. Now I'll let it dry and I can trim the cloth to shape the wing better once it's dry. On the other wings I just place a piece of paper towel over the wing bones the same way. Let it dry then I trimmed it later.



One more picture of the ragged cloth. On the right is a latex covered cheese cloth wing. Looks good and worn.



The wings above look pretty beat up and the two wings below are paper towel wing that look good but are smoother than the cheese cloth wings. Both work well and should hold up good.



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