

# Build Bat Boxes

## Environment & Outdoors



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### What You Will Discover

Bats are an important part of our ecosystem, but our actions can hurt them. Start a bat-box-building project to help protect these creatures!

### The Adventure

Start a campaign to help your community build bat boxes. As bats suffer from habitat loss and a fungus called White-Nose syndrome, we can help them! Distribute precut kits to families in your Group or community, encouraging them to find a great place for bats to live.



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It starts with Scouts.

## Plan

- What supplies will you need for the kits?
- Can you get the supplies donated, or will you charge a fee for the kits?
- What are the ideal habitats for installing your bat boxes?
- How will people know how to build and hang their bat boxes?

## Do

**#ScoutsDoStuff:** Start a social media campaign to get more people involved with your project! Blog about making your products, share ideas about how people can join in or make a video to show people how to build a bat box of their own.

## Review

- How can you check if bats have used your boxes?
- How did you create and distribute your kits?
- What kind of impact do you think you have had on your community?

## Safety Note

- How can you stay safe while building?
- How can you be safe while putting up your shelter?
- How can you help others to be safe while building their bat boxes?

## Try this

### Keep it Simple

Rather than distributing kits, why not build the boxes and distribute them ready-made with directions about where people can hang them up?

### Take it Further

Partner with a local hardware store and conservation authority (or similar) and start a city-wide campaign. Start a bat-box blitz and see how many boxes you can distribute in a period of time, and then track their success.