



## Dragon Head Project

This fun dragon head is a wonderful companion to our knight, princess, and castle projects! I do them when we study fairy tales and make a bulletin board out of them. We also display our Fairy Tale Book Report Lapbooks with them for Open House!

### Preparation:

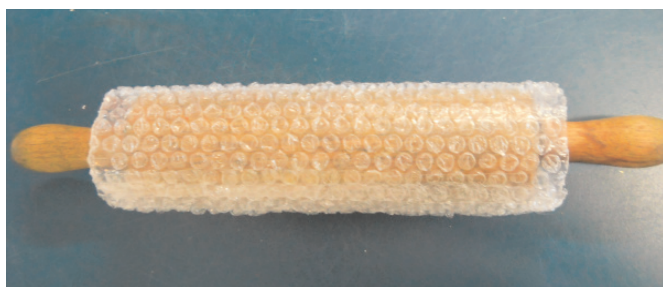
Cut all of the paper pieces listed in the chart ahead of time. Make sure that you pay attention to how many pieces of each item are needed per child. For example, each child will need two ear pieces, but only one head, etc.

**A. Paint the paper for the head using bubble wrap in advance in order to let it dry.** If you copy the head shape onto the back of the paper, then you can paint the front of the paper on the other side. After the children cut it out, only the painted side will show, not the cutting lines.

**In order to paint using bubble wrap,** I recommend that you put the bubble wrap on a rolling pin from your kitchen, securing it with rubber bands. The children should roll the covered rolling pin in a large, shallow TRAY of green paint to get paint on it evenly, and then roll it onto a piece of light green construction paper. If you do not have a tray, then try using a paintbrush to paint the paint onto the rolling pin, setting the pin down onto a paper plate or a pie tin in between times. They should roll the pin just ONCE down the paper, not several times, or they will not get the same effect as is shown here.

**An alternative method is to have the children each paint a piece of bubble wrap that is the same size as the paper, covering it completely on the bubbly side with green paint.** Once they are sure it is completely covered, then they lay it down on the paper and

press the bubbles down, making a print. Please be aware that I have only tried this with the larger bubbles on bubble wrap paper, and it worked great in that case; however I am not sure how well it will work with the smaller bubbles. Check out the photos on the next page! The children really enjoyed this method, probably because it took longer!



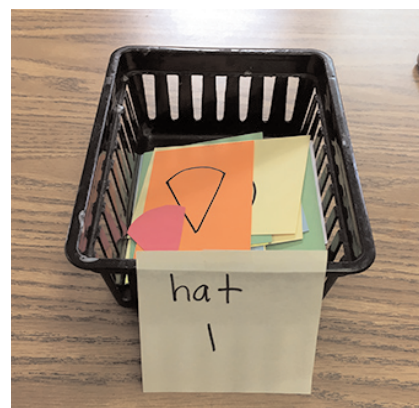
This is the alternative method, when we did it to make "water" in Kindergarten.



Body Part	Dimensions in Inches	Color	Quantity Per Child	Instructions for Prep
head	8 x 11 (if tracing) 9 x 12 (if copying)	light green	1	cut & trace or duplicate
ears	2.5 x 4 (if tracing) 9 x 12 (if copying)	dark green	2	cut & trace or duplicate
eyebrows	2.5 x 5 (if tracing) 9 x 12 (if copying)	dark green	2	cut & trace or duplicate
flames	2.5 x 4 (if tracing) 9 x 12 (if copying)	yellow	2	cut & trace or duplicate
eyes	1 x 1	black	2	cut
nostrils	2 x 1.5	black	2	cut

**B. Duplicate the pieces for the ears, eyebrows, head, and flames.** You could also just make patterns and have the kids trace them if you wish, of course. These instructions will assume that you copied them using a xerox machine of some type.

**C. I recommend setting up the pieces in plastic tubs that are labeled with sticky notes that say what each piece is for, and how many each child needs.** (For example, see the photo of the princess' hats in the plastic basket.) Once you have all of this set up, you're ready to roll!



**Note:** This project will only take about 20 minutes to complete, assuming that you have already painted the dragon heads in advance.

## Procedure:

### 1. Head:

Cut out the head along the lines shown on the pattern. It should already be painted.

### 2. Nostrils and Eyes:

Both the nostrils and eyes are made from black squares or rectangles. All you need to do is round off the corners and glue them down wherever you would like them to be, keeping in mind that you'll probably want the flames to extend off the edge of the dragon's nose.

### 3. Ears:

Cut out the ears according to the pattern. Several of my kids confused the ears (or horns, as you may wish to call them!) with the eyebrows, so it might be a good idea to label them in their baskets, and keep your teacher sample handy for them to see. Glue them down as shown.

### 4. Eyebrows:

Cut out the eyebrows according to the pattern and glue them down as shown.

### 5. Flames:

Cut out the flames according to the pattern. You may wish to have the children color them red, or do something else to make it look "fiery." We used a hot plate and crayons to melt the red and orange crayons onto the construction paper. I would only recommend this if you had an aide or adult helper to help the kids do this one at a time, as that plate can get VERY hot!

## To Display:

This dragon project was part of our Fairy Tale unit, and we displayed them with our knights, princesses, castles, and Fairy Tale Lapbook Book Reports! To give the dragons a place to "hide," we also made some "bricks" just by rubbing peeled black crayons on gray paper, and formed them into a "castle" around the windows. You can see how cute this turned out in the photo below! The windows have a project on them that looks like stained glass; that is actually tissue paper pieces on Contact Paper. The kids got strips of black paper first to make sections on the sticky side of the contact paper, and then filled it in with colored tissue. Then we just covered the top of it with more Contact Paper!

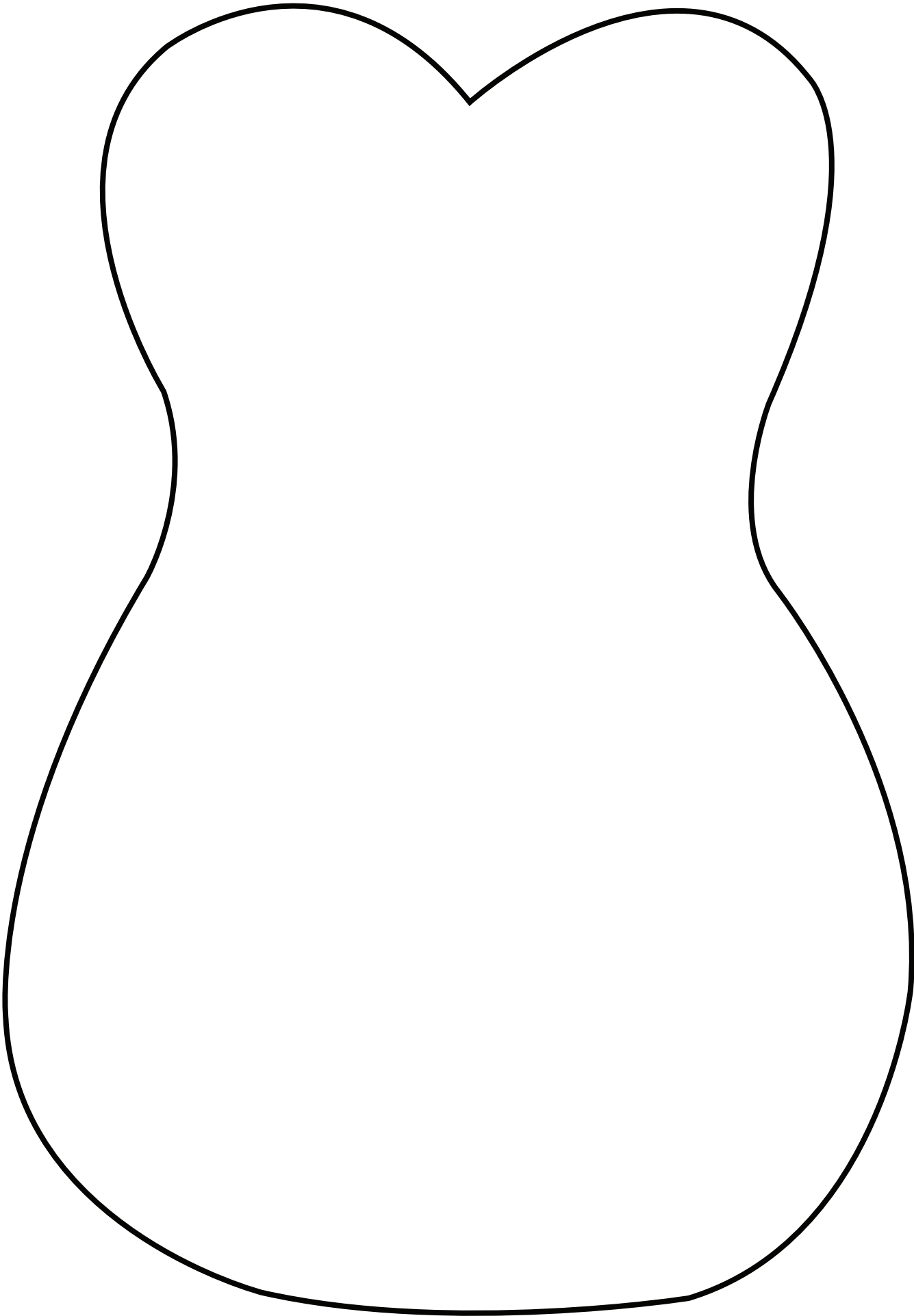
I also had my kids do a STEM project at home, in which they had to find a way for Rapunzel to get out of her castle, and those were on their desks. :)



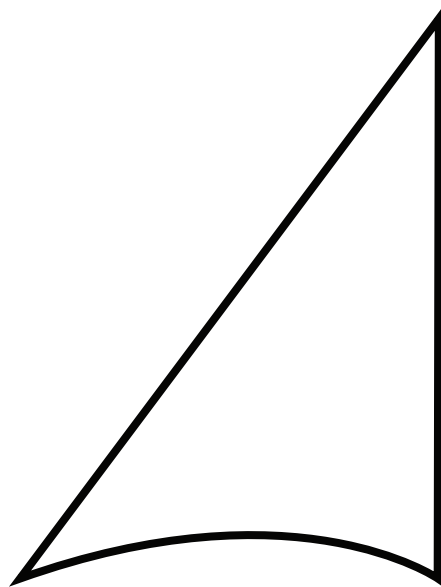
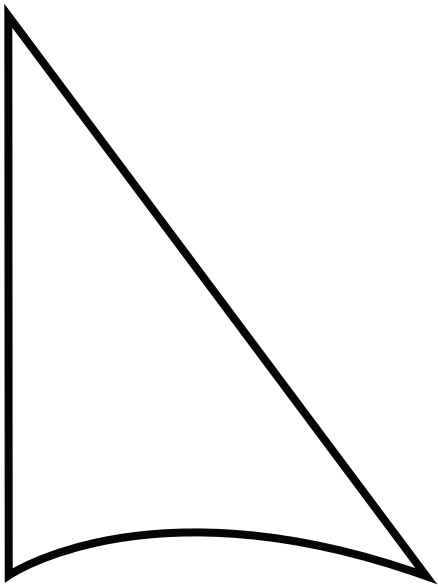
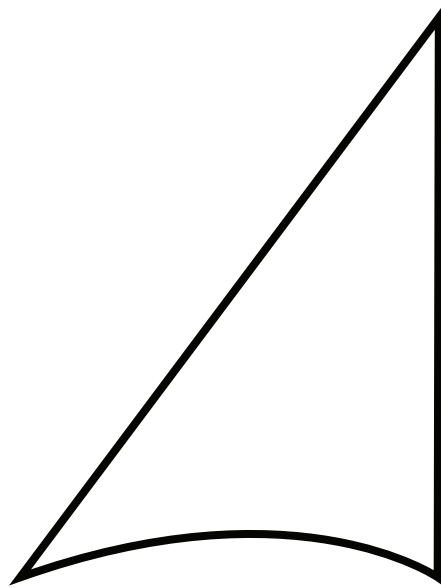
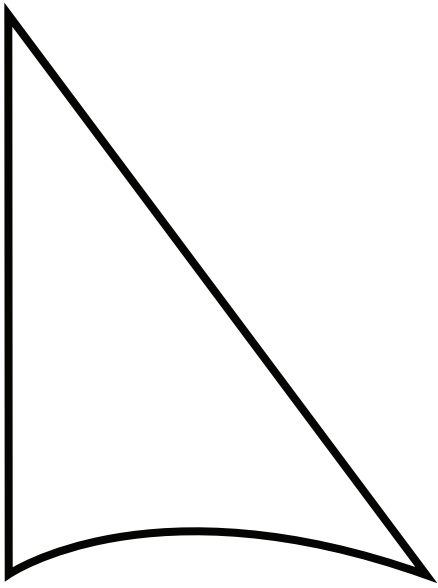
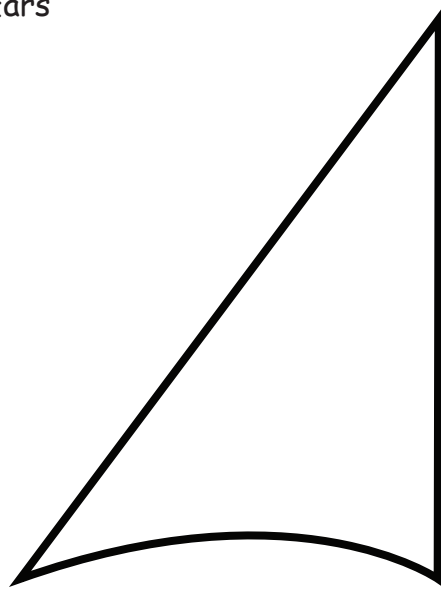
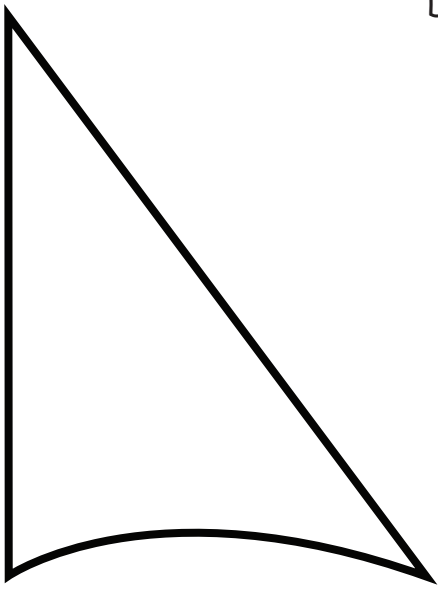
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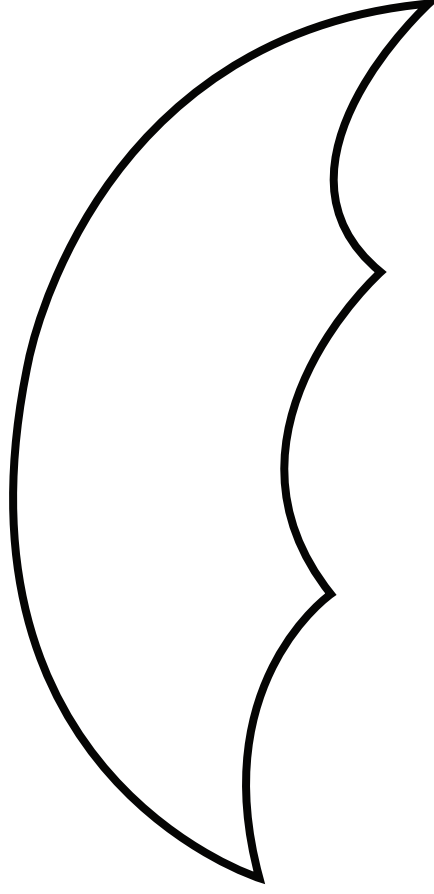
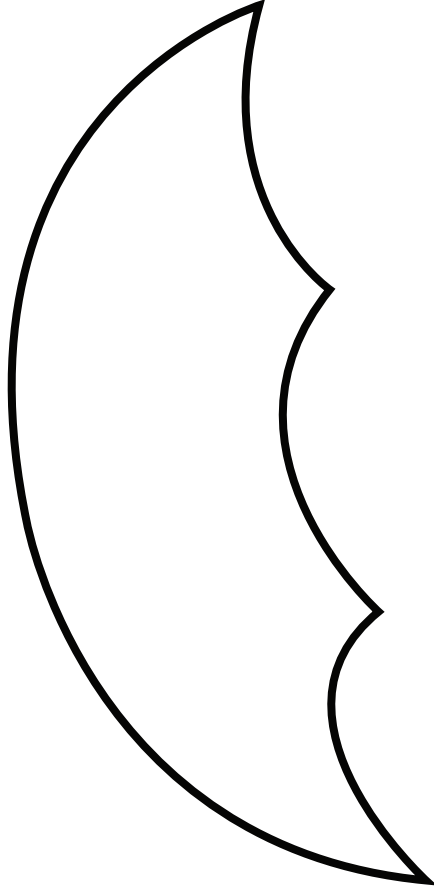
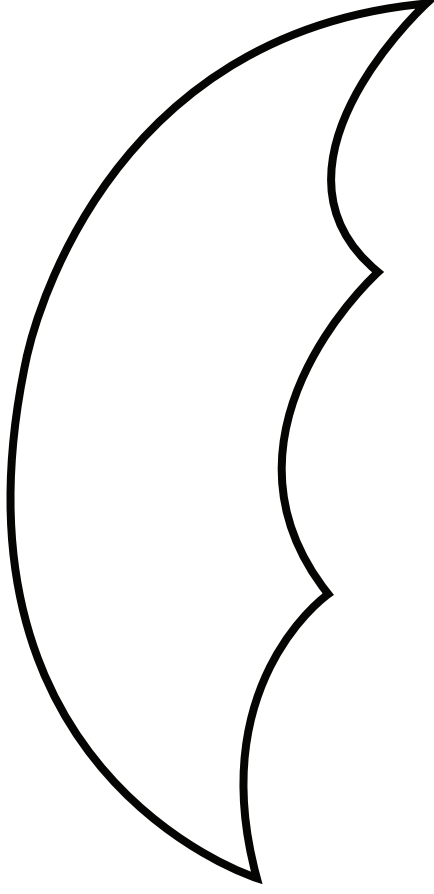
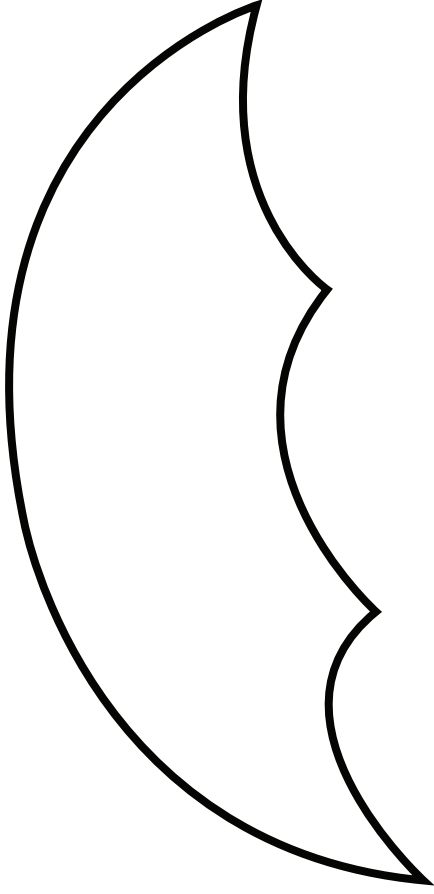
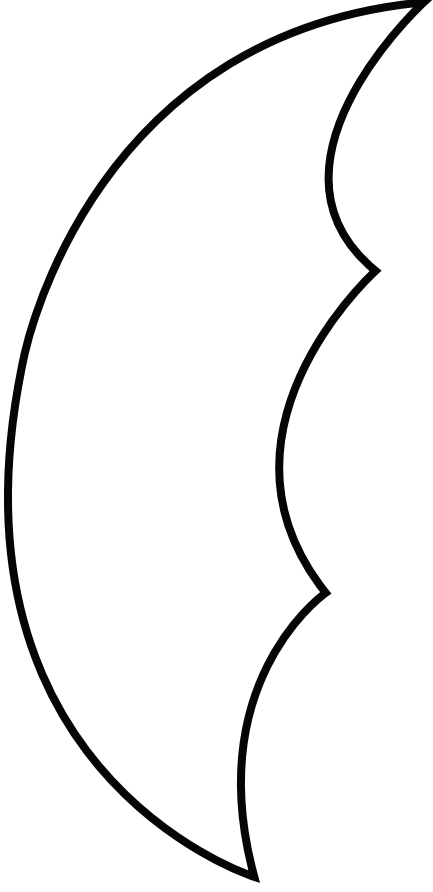
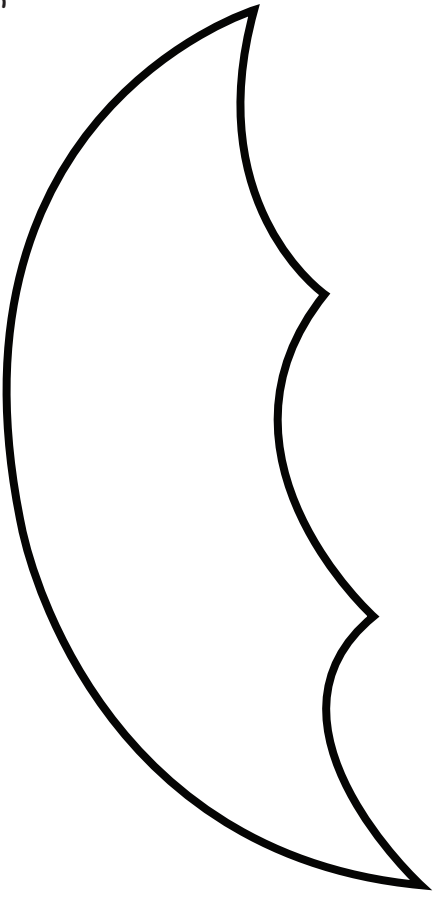
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Dragon Flames

