

Bats at The Toy Boat... nantucket

Bats have a bad reputation but are really a wonderful creature. Bats have been on earth at least 60 million years. That is quite a bit longer than humans.

Interesting bat facts:

*The largest bats in the world can have a wingspan up to 6 feet.

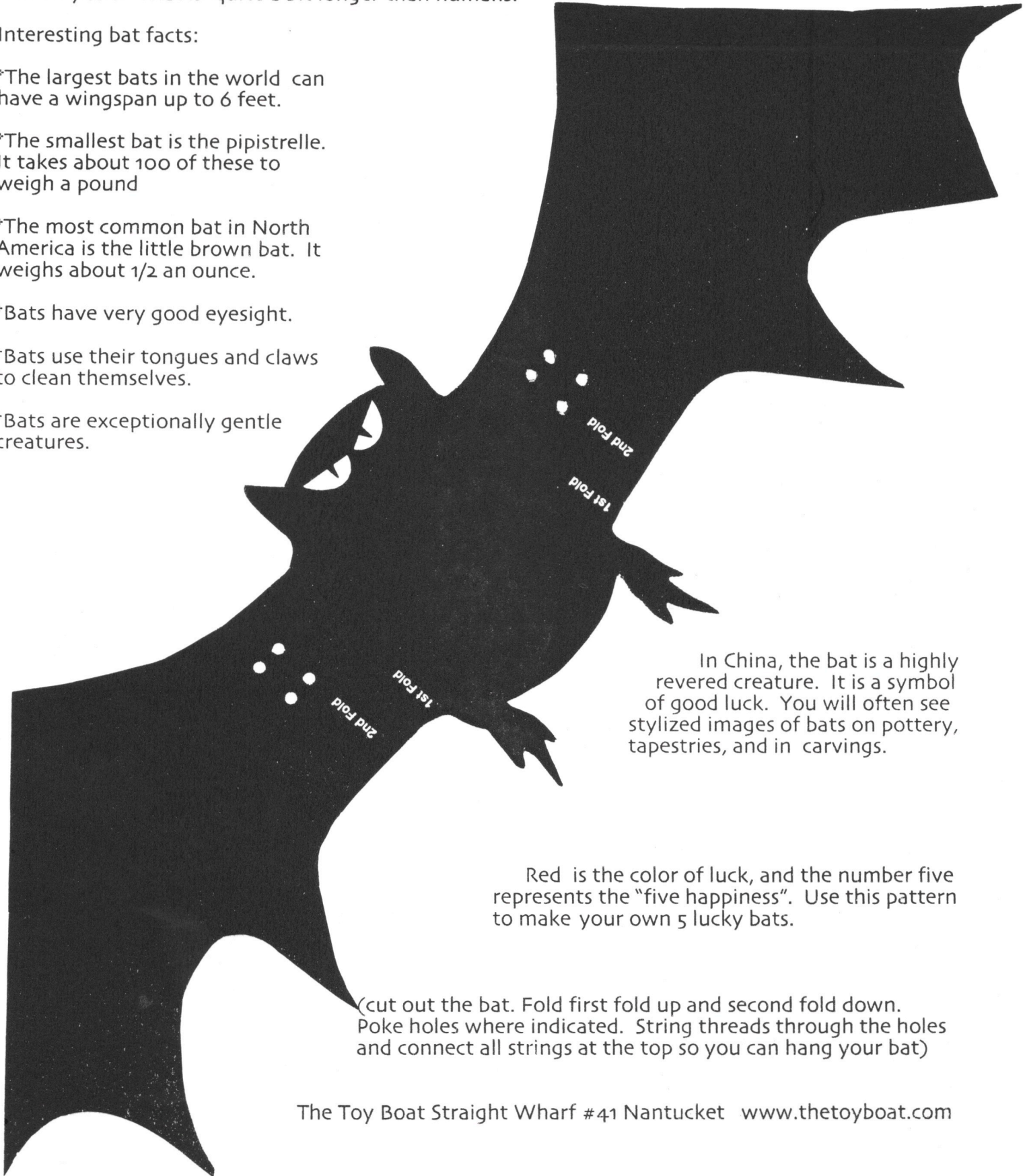
*The smallest bat is the pipistrelle. It takes about 100 of these to weigh a pound

*The most common bat in North America is the little brown bat. It weighs about 1/2 an ounce.

*Bats have very good eyesight.

*Bats use their tongues and claws to clean themselves.

*Bats are exceptionally gentle creatures.



In China, the bat is a highly revered creature. It is a symbol of good luck. You will often see stylized images of bats on pottery, tapestries, and in carvings.

Red is the color of luck, and the number five represents the "five happiness". Use this pattern to make your own 5 lucky bats.

(cut out the bat. Fold first fold up and second fold down. Poke holes where indicated. String threads through the holes and connect all strings at the top so you can hang your bat)