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- What tools and materials do you need?
- How will you pay for this project?
- Where will you set up your bat boxes?
- What do you need to learn? Where can you get help?

**Do:**

- Build your bat houses and set them up where they will likely attract some bats.
- Visit your bat houses after a couple of months to see if they've become home to any bats.

**Review:**

- What do you know now that you did not know before?
- What are the benefits of this project to the environment and your community?
- What problems did you run into, and how did you solve these problems?
- How well did your Expedition Team get along on this project?
- What would you do differently next time? How can you make this a linking activity?

**Safety note:**

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**Online Resources:**

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- [How to Build a Bat House](#)
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