

Moonlit Bat Silhouette Art

Fall art project · warm sunset colors + black silhouettes

All Grades



Name: _____

Date: _____



Finished example

You will need

- White paper or cardstock
- Paint, crayons or oil pastels in purple, pink, red, orange and yellow
- Black construction paper
- A cup or lid to trace the moon
- Scissors and a glue stick
- Pencil

Steps

1. **Paint the sky.** Make stripes across your paper from top to bottom: purple, pink, red, orange, then yellow. Let the colors touch and blend a little.
2. **Add the moon.** Trace a cup on white paper, cut out the circle and glue it near the top of your sky. Or leave a round space unpainted.
3. **Cut the silhouettes.** Trace the bats, branch and hill from the template page onto black paper and cut them out.
4. **Build the night scene.** Glue the hill along the bottom and the tree on one side. A silhouette is a dark shape with no details.
5. **Send in the bats!** Glue bats of different sizes. Big bats look close; small bats look far away.
6. **Sign your art.** Write your name and the date in the corner, just like real artists do.

Safari Challenge

Talk about it: Warm colors (red, orange, yellow) can feel bright and glowing. Why do the black shapes stand out so much against them? What other night animals could you add?

Grown-up tip: make it fit every age

Little artists (PreK–1st): use crayons and pre-cut bats. **Middle grades (2nd–4th):** blend the stripes with a damp brush. **Big kids (5th–6th):** add a second, smaller tree far away to show depth.



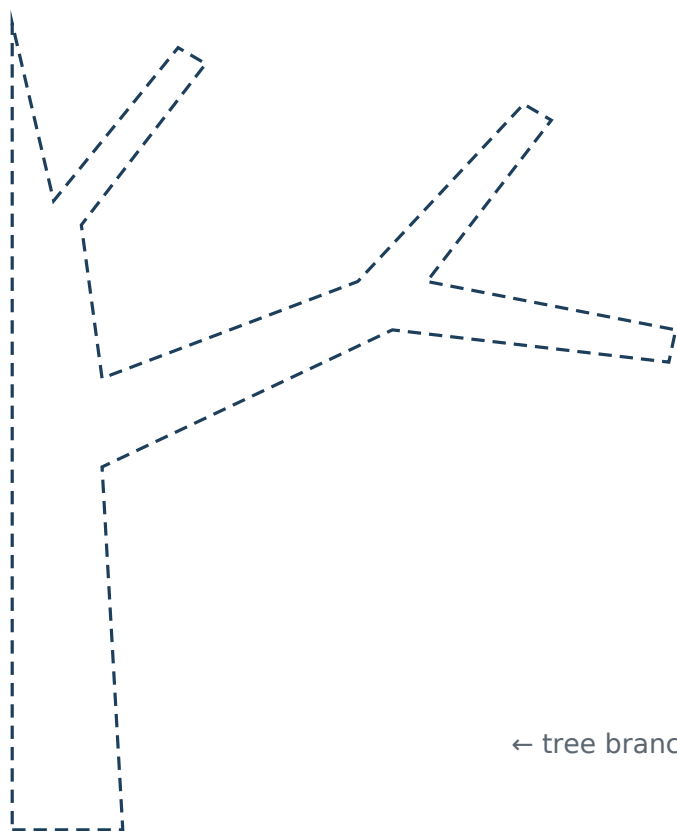
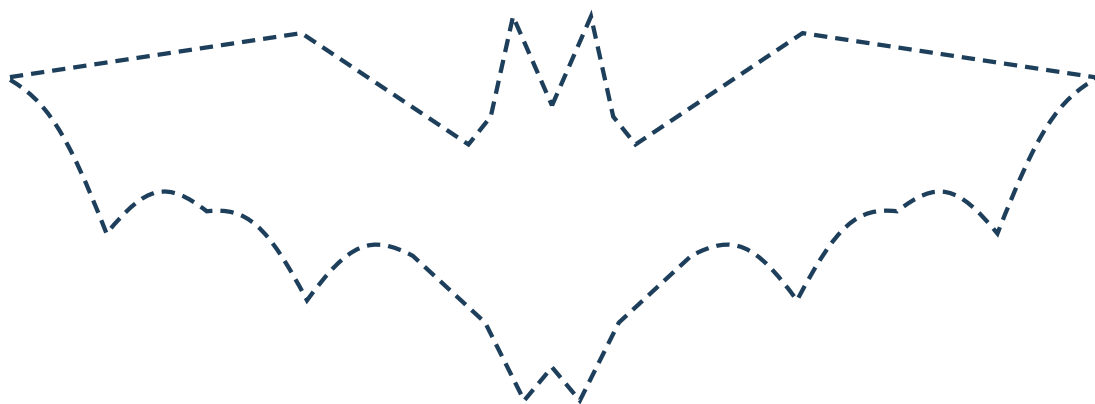
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Silhouette Templates

Trace onto black paper and cut out

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← tree branch



moon (trace on white or yellow)



hill



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