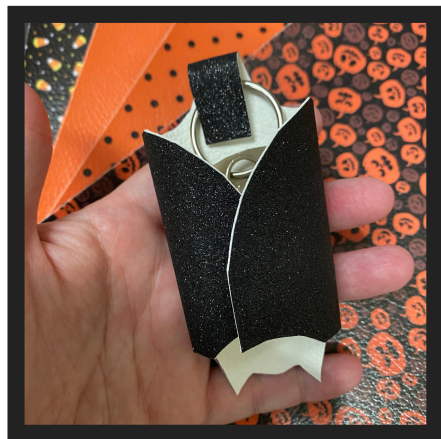




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## Chubby Bat Key Cover

Make a key cover shaped like a hanging bat out of faux leather to hold your most important keys this Halloween.



## Ingredients (Included):

- 1 piece faux leather in Halloween colors
- 1 piece coordinating heat-transfer vinyl
- 4 adhesive velcro dots
- 1 key chain
- Printed bat template

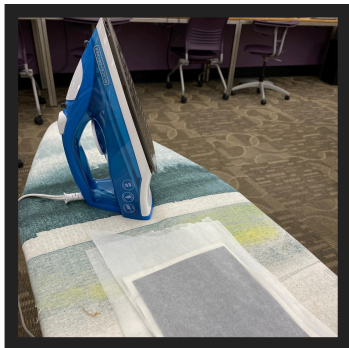
## You Supply:

- Scissors
- Iron and ironing board (or other heat safe surface)
- Parchment paper
- Black Sharpie or white chalk or pencil

**Step One: This first step is a bit tricky.** You're going to use your iron to adhere the sheet of heat-transfer vinyl to the back (the non-patterned side) of the faux leather.

Make sure to use your iron on a heat safe surface. Preheat your iron to around 300 degrees. Depending on the temperature setting on your iron, this could be a polyester or wool setting, or a 2 or 3.

Place a sheet of parchment paper on your ironing board to further protect it, and lay the faux leather sheet pattern side down.



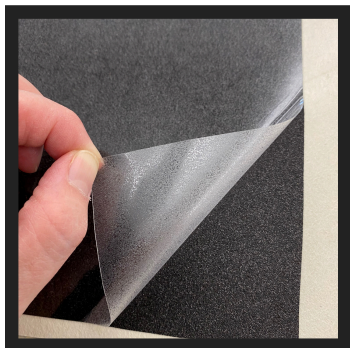
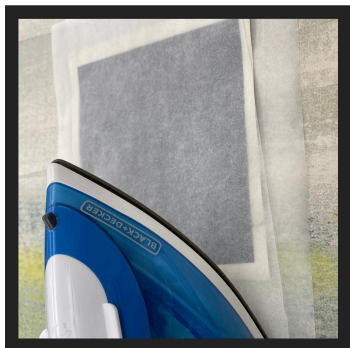
Place the heat transfer vinyl sheet on top of the faux leather, with the glitter side up. Place another piece of parchment paper on top.

**Note:** Heat transfer vinyl sheets have a shiny side called the carrier side. Heat from the iron will transfer the glitter vinyl to the back of the faux leather, and the carrier, a thin clear sheet on top of the glitter vinyl, will peel off.

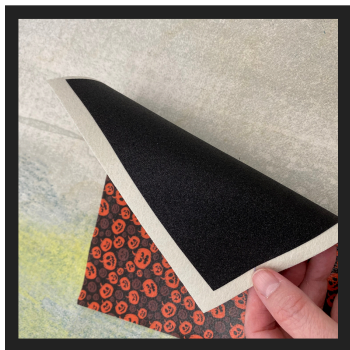
After layering your project, use your hot iron, pressing firmly in a circular motion over the whole sheet, for about 30-40 seconds.

When the sheet is still warm but not hot, peel the clear carrier sheet off of the heat transfer vinyl. It's easier to find a place to pull at a corner.

If the carrier sheet doesn't peel off or if the whole vinyl sheet starts to come off, iron it again for another 30-40 seconds. **(My iron was not great, so I had to do this 3x.)**



**Step Two:** Now, both sides of your fabric should look cool and you can cut out the bat template. Trace the bat shape onto your faux leather and cut it out. Make sure to cut inside the lines so that your project looks clean.



Because of the colors, it can be hard to see your outline. You can also tape the bat shape to the faux leather before cutting, or use a piece of white chalk to trace instead of the black Sharpie.

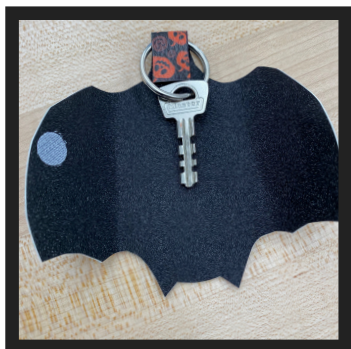


**Step Three:** Next you need to adhere your Velcro dots in a few places. Figure out which side you want facing in and out. I choose to put the Halloween pumpkins on the outside. The Velcro dots come in pairs that stick together. Make sure you use one of each kind.

First, you need Velcro dots on the top. Your key ring will slot in between them when closed.



**Step Three, cont.:** Then you need to place two Velcro dots on the bat's wings. One will go on the outside of the wings, and one on the inside, so that when they fold over, they cover the key inside. You can put them on the tips of the wings or higher up. Just make sure they are placed evenly!



**Important note about Velcro:** The original project, designed by Maisie Moo online (pattern purchased there), used plastic snaps instead of Velcro dots to keep the bat wings closed and to secure the key chain at the top. These are more secure than Velcro, but snaps are not something the library can provide in a Take & Make kit, because they require specialized tools to attach. With the Velcro dots, only use lightweight keys and keep them secure inside a bag or at home; if attached to the outside of a backpack, the top tab could open and your keys could get lost. For that reason, this is more fun and decorative than wholly functional.

If you're interested in learning how to attach snaps and rivets, instead, the designer recommended plastic Kam snaps:  
<https://www.amazon.com/Buttons-Starter-Fasteners-24-Colors-Closures/dp/B07YXXG15W/>



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