



HowlHaunter's Workshop

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Spinning Bat

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I purchased one of the large rubber bats (I call him "Igor") and wanted to add red LED eyes and have it "fly" under one of the eaves of my garage. Adding the red LEDs eyes was real easy. I just melted holes through the existing eyes with a hot nail and epoxied the LEDs in place...after I wired them in series to the back of the body-- to a 9 volt battery and 220 ohm resistor. I added a simple little slide switch to turn the eyes on and off.



I attached the bat with a simple black wire to one of the screws under the eave. Well, it's windy around here in October and the wind would toss and spin the bat all around until the wire just twisted right off. Plop! The bat would fall to the ground. Well, this just won't do. I found a simple \$2 swivel gadget at Home Depot that took care of this.

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This would work for any of your props that you want to dangle around outside. I just attached the swivel to the eave with one wire, and hooked the bat wire to bottom. Now, my bat flies around and around just as happy as can be! Cool!

UPDATE: I found that you must attach a non movable direct support on one side of the swivel...and hook the bat via a wire on the other side of the swivel. Otherwise, the wire will still snap off. I bolted one side of the swivel with a iron strap to one of my rain gutters on my garage. Just replaced one of the existing screws on the gutter. Then, after Halloween, put it back again. Now, the swivel setup really works!

UPDATE: I pulled out the little 5mm red LEDs that I had for the eyes...and put in new 10mm red LEDs. This will make a huge difference in actually seeing the bat at night.