1 | Make sure to review the bat house checklist.

2 | Identify where you want to install your bat house – this can be on a pole or on a building. Make sure the bat house is:
   » Facing south as much as possible in order to receive a minimum of eight hours of sun per day
   » Installed three to six metres (10 to 20 feet) above the ground
   » In an uncluttered location away from branches

3 | Use a level to make sure the French cleat (angled piece of board separate from the bat house) is level.

4 | Attach the French cleat with the angle coming away from the wall, using appropriate screws (see image at left). If you are installing into brick or cement, you must use concrete screws or concrete anchors (ask your local hardware store if you’re unsure which to use).

5 | Screw four screws into the pre-drilled holes of the French cleat, ensuring that you screw into solid wood or brick*.

6 | Hang the bat house on the French cleat, ensuring it is aligned before securing the final screws.

7 | Screw two screws into the pre-drilled holes in the bottom of the bat house. This will ensure that the bat house is securely attached to the building or pole.

8 | Let us know that you have installed your bat house and start using iNaturalist.ca to monitor your bat house!

*If you are attaching the bat house to a wooden pole, screw four screws through the centre of the French cleat.

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