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How to Make a Woodland Owl Appliqué Quilt Block

Finished block size: 8" x 10"

Metric size: 20 cm x 25 cm

Skill level: Beginner-friendly

Technique: Fusible appliqué, blanket stitch, simple quilting

This **Woodland Owl Appliqué Quilt Block** is a charming beginner-friendly sewing project featuring a blue owl, floral belly, button eyes, embroidered details, and a rustic branch. Follow this complete tutorial from start to finish to create a finished quilt block measuring **8" x 10"**.



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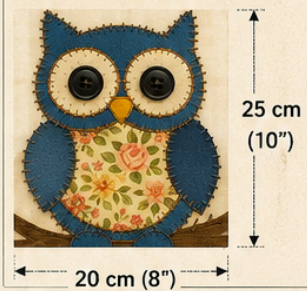
A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE – BEGINNER FRIENDLY

FINISHED BLOCK SIZE: 20 cm x 25 cm (8" x 10")

MATERIALS

- Quilting cotton (background): 25 cm x 30 cm
- Assorted cotton fabrics or felt (see cutting list)
- Fusible web (lightweight)
- Embroidery floss (brown)
- 2 buttons (2-2.5 cm diameter)
- Needle, pins, fabric scissors
- Sewing machine
- Iron and ironing surface
- Fabric glue (optional)
- Quilting batting (25 cm x 30 cm)
- Backing fabric (25 cm x 30 cm)

FINISHED SIZE



CUTTING LIST (All measurements in cm)

- Background: 25 x 30 (1 pc)
- Owl Body (blue): 2 x
- Owl Belly (floral): 1 x
- Face Circles (cream): 2 x
- Wings (blue): 2 x
- Ear Tufts (blue): 2 x
- Feet (blue): 2 x
- Beak (orange): 1 x
- Branch (brown): 1 x
- Leaves (brown): 1 x
- Optional: Tail (blue): 1 x

* Add 0.5 cm seam allowance if using raw-edge applique.

1. PREPARE YOUR FABRICS



- Pre-wash and iron all fabrics.
- Print or draw the templates (provided below).
- Cut out all pieces carefully.

2. FUSE THE PIECES



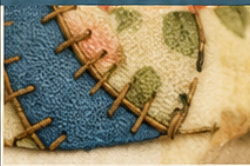
- Fuse the wrong side of each appliqué piece with fusible web following the manufacturer's instructions.

3. ARRANGE THE DESIGN



- Place all pieces on the background fabric. Adjust placement until you are happy with the design.

4. APPLIQUÉ THE PIECES



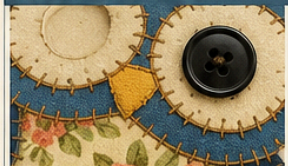
- Appliqué each piece using blanket stitch with 2 strands of brown embroidery floss.

5. ADD BUTTON EYES



- Sew buttons in the center of the face circles using strong thread.

6. STITCH THE DETAILS



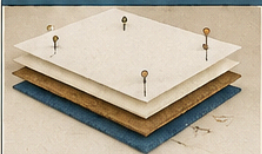
- Add decorative stitches around the eyes, belly, and other areas as desired.

7. ADD THE BRANCH



- Appliqué the branch and leaves using blanket stitch.

8. LAYER YOUR QUILT



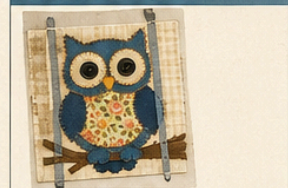
- Place quilt top right side up.
- Add batting.
- Place backing fabric right side down.
- Pin or baste all layers.

9. QUILT THE BLOCK



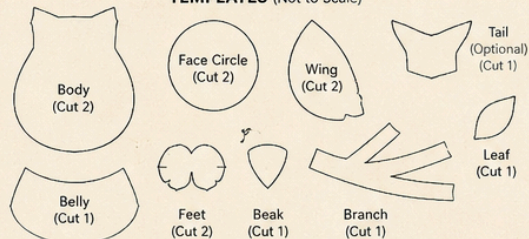
- Quilt as desired (stitch in the ditch, echo quilting, or free-motion).

10. TRIM AND SQUARE

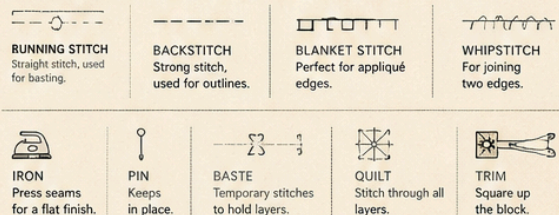


- Trim the block to 20 cm x 25 cm (8" x 10").
- Your owl quilt block is complete! ♥

TEMPLATES (Not to Scale)



LEGEND – KEY SEWING & QUILTING METHODS



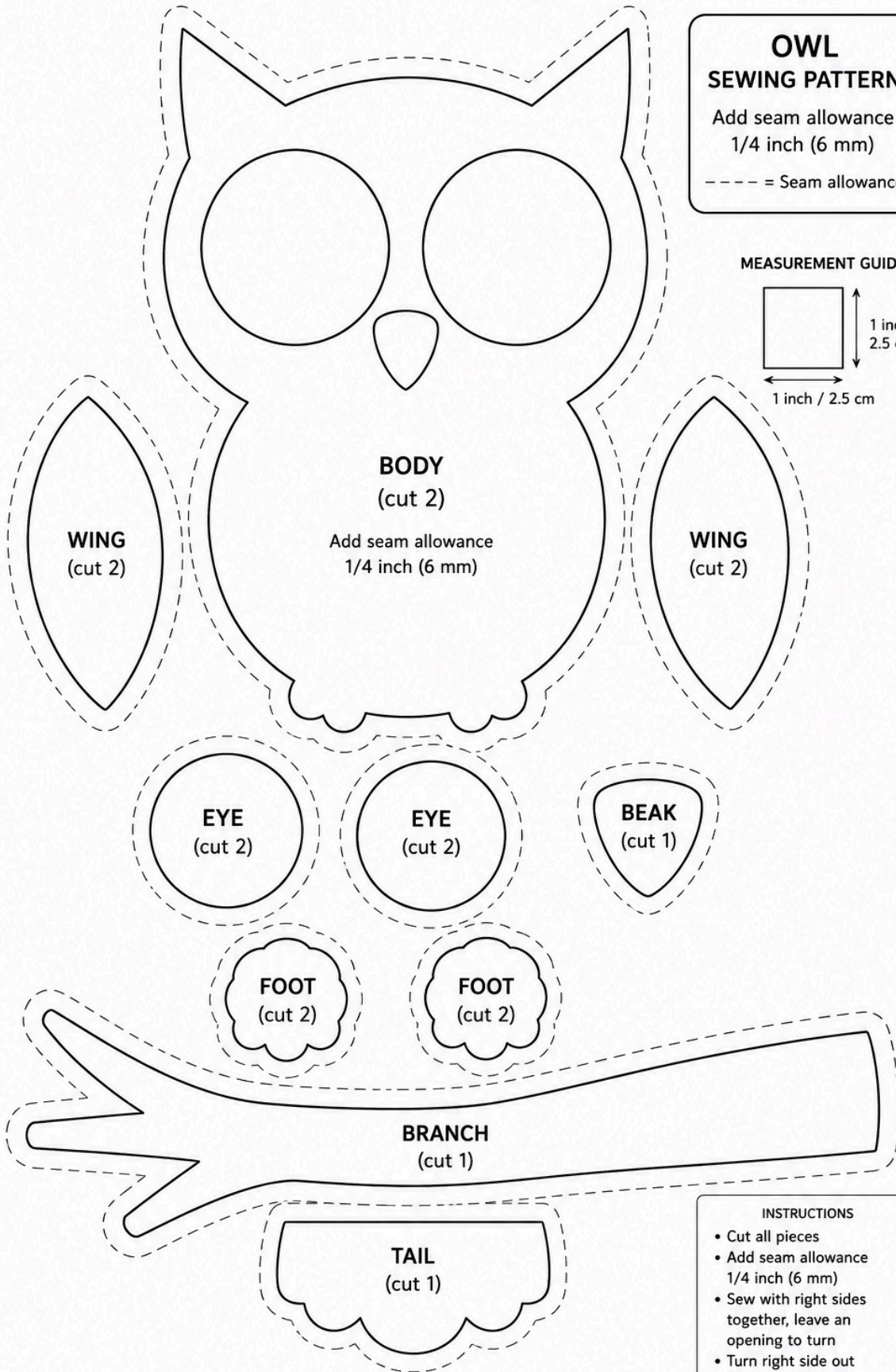
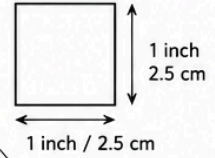
ENJOY THE PROCESS AND HAVE FUN CREATING YOUR OWL QUILT BLOCK!

OWL SEWING PATTERN

Add seam allowance
1/4 inch (6 mm)

----- = Seam allowance

MEASUREMENT GUIDE



BODY
(cut 2)

Add seam allowance
1/4 inch (6 mm)

WING
(cut 2)

WING
(cut 2)

EYE
(cut 2)

EYE
(cut 2)

BEAK
(cut 1)

FOOT
(cut 2)

FOOT
(cut 2)

BRANCH
(cut 1)

TAIL
(cut 1)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Cut all pieces
- Add seam allowance 1/4 inch (6 mm)
- Sew with right sides together, leave an opening to turn
- Turn right side out
- Stuff and stitch closed

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Materials You Will Need

You will need:

Background quilting cotton: 10" x 12"

Owl body fabric or felt: blue cotton, wool felt, or craft felt

Owl belly fabric: floral cotton or patterned fabric

Face circles: cream or light beige fabric

Wings: blue fabric or felt

Ear tufts: blue fabric or felt

Feet: blue fabric or felt

Beak: orange fabric or felt

Branch and leaves: brown fabric or felt

Fusible web: lightweight

Embroidery floss: brown

2 black buttons: about $\frac{7}{8}$ " to 1" wide

Needle and strong thread

Fabric scissors

Sewing machine

Iron and ironing surface

Quilt batting: 10" x 12"

Backing fabric: 10" x 12"

Pins or basting clips

Fabric glue: optional

Cutting List

Cut the following pieces:

Background: 1 rectangle, 10" x 12"

Owl body: cut 2 blue body pieces

Owl belly: cut 1 floral belly piece

Face circles: cut 2 cream circles

Wings: cut 2 blue wings

Ear tufts: cut 2 blue tufts

Feet: cut 2 blue feet

Beak: cut 1 orange beak

Branch: cut 1 brown branch

Leaves: cut 1 or more brown leaves

Optional tail: cut 1 blue tail piece

Add about $\frac{1}{4}$ " **seam allowance** only if you are not using raw-edge appliqué.

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Step 1: Prepare Your Fabrics

Pre-wash your cotton fabrics if you want to prevent shrinkage later. This is especially helpful if the quilt block will be washed after finishing.

Press every fabric piece with an iron until it is smooth and flat. Wrinkles can make appliqué pieces harder to cut and place accurately.

Place your fusible web on the wrong side of each appliqué fabric. Follow the manufacturer's instructions because some fusible webs require steam and others do not.

Trace the owl templates onto the paper side of the fusible web. Remember to trace each piece in the correct quantity.

Cut around the traced shapes roughly first, leaving a small margin. Fuse them to the wrong side of the fabric, then cut carefully on the final drawn lines.

Step 2: Cut Out the Owl Pieces

Cut the owl body from blue fabric or felt. The body should have small pointed ear areas at the top and a rounded lower shape.

Cut the floral belly from patterned cotton. A floral print works beautifully because it gives the owl a warm woodland look.

Cut two cream face circles. These will sit near the top of the owl body and frame the button eyes.

Cut two wings from blue fabric. The wings should be placed on each side of the body, slightly angled downward.

Cut the orange beak as a small triangle or rounded triangle. Cut the feet as small rounded shapes.

Cut the branch and leaves from brown fabric or felt. The branch should be long enough to sit under the owl's feet.

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Step 3: Arrange the Owl Design

Lay the background fabric right side up on your work surface.

Place the owl body in the center of the background. Leave enough space around the edges so the block can later be trimmed to **8" x 10"**.

Add the floral belly on top of the owl body. Center it so it covers the lower middle of the owl.

Place the two cream face circles near the top of the body. They should slightly touch or sit close together.

Add the beak between the face circles, pointing downward.

Place the wings on both sides, then add the feet at the bottom. Position the branch under the owl so the feet appear to rest on it.

Step 4: Fuse the Pieces

Once you like the layout, carefully remove the paper backing from the fusible web.

Fuse the owl body to the background first. Press with the iron according to your fusible web instructions.

Next, fuse the belly, face circles, wings, beak, feet, branch, and leaves.

Work slowly and avoid sliding the iron. Press down, lift, and press again.

Let the block cool before moving it. This helps the fusible web bond properly.

Step 5: Appliqué the Owl Pieces

Thread your needle with brown embroidery floss. Use two strands for a handmade look.

Use **blanket stitch** around the edges of the owl body. This gives the block a rustic folk-art style.

Stitch around the belly, face circles, wings, feet, and beak.

Keep your stitches even, but do not worry about perfection. A slightly handmade look makes this owl block charming.

You can stitch by hand or use a sewing machine with a blanket stitch setting.

Step 6: Add the Button Eyes

Place one black button in the center of each cream face circle.

Make sure both buttons are even and balanced before sewing.

Use strong thread and a hand needle to sew each button securely.

Pass the thread through each button several times so the eyes stay firmly attached.

Tie a strong knot on the back of the block.

For projects used by small children, consider replacing buttons with embroidered eyes for safety.

Step 7: Stitch the Decorative Details

Add extra blanket stitches around the face circles to create texture.

Stitch around the floral belly to secure it and make it stand out.

Add small decorative stitches around the wings, feet, branch, and leaves.

You can use **running stitch**, **backstitch**, **blanket stitch**, or **whipstitch**.

For a rustic woodland look, brown embroidery floss works very well.

Step 8: Add the Branch and Leaves

Position the branch under the owl's feet if you have not fused it already.

Stitch around the branch using blanket stitch.

Add one or more leaves near the branch for a natural woodland detail.

Use small stitches so the narrow branch pieces stay secure.

The branch should look like the owl is sitting on it comfortably.

Step 9: Layer the Quilt Block

Place the backing fabric wrong side up.

Place the batting on top of the backing.

Place the owl quilt top right side up over the batting.

Smooth all layers carefully.

Pin or baste the layers together so they do not shift while quilting.

Step 10: Quilt the Block

Quilt around the owl using stitch-in-the-ditch, echo quilting, or free-motion quilting.

You can quilt around the owl shape to make it pop from the background.

Add simple straight lines, soft curves, or small background texture.

Do not quilt over the buttons.

Keep the quilting simple if you are a beginner.

Step 11: Trim and Square the Block

After quilting, place the block on a cutting mat.

Use a ruler to trim the finished block to **8" x 10"**.

In metric measurements, trim it to **20 cm x 25 cm**.

Make sure the owl stays centered while trimming.

Check that the corners are square and the edges are straight.

Step 12: Finishing Ideas

You can turn this owl block into a mini wall hanging.

You can also use it as a quilt panel, pillow front, tote bag pocket, mug rug, or nursery decoration.

Add binding around the edge if using it as a mini quilt.

Use softer colors for a baby room or brighter fabrics for a playful handmade gift.

This project is easy to personalize with different fabrics, button styles, and embroidery colors.

Final Result

Your **Woodland Owl Appliqué Quilt Block** is complete. You now have a finished **8" x 10" handmade owl quilt block** with layered appliqué, button eyes, decorative stitching, and a cozy woodland branch detail.

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