

# OWL APPLIQUÉ TUTORIAL

## QUILT STYLE – STEP BY STEP



### FINISHED SIZE

Block size:  
28 cm (W) x 34 cm (H)

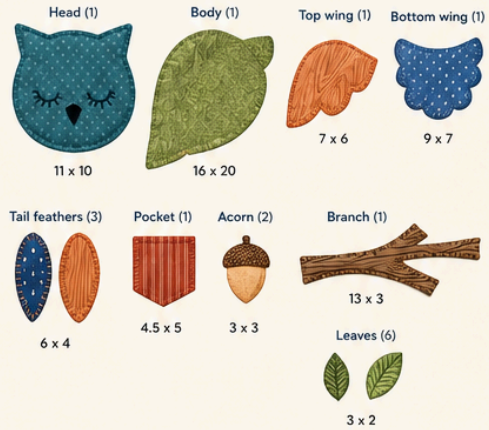
Seam allowance  
included.

### MATERIALS

- Cotton fabrics (various colors)
- Fusible web
- Backing fabric
- Batting
- Embroidery floss (black)
- Sewing thread
- Needles
- Scissors
- Iron
- Fabric marker
- Appliqué pressing sheet

### FABRIC & CUTTING GUIDE

(all measurements in cm)



## STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 PREPARE THE FABRIC

- Wash, dry and iron all fabrics.
- Trace each template on the paper side of fusible web and cut out.
- Fuse the pieces to the wrong side of the fabrics following the cutting guide.



### 2 CUT THE PIECES

- Cut all fabric pieces on the drawn lines.
- Keep the paper on until ready to position.



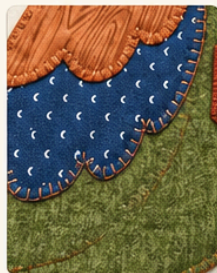
### 3 POSITION & FUSE

- Place the pieces on the background fabric (28 x 34 cm) as shown.
- When satisfied with the layout, fuse all pieces in place with a hot iron.



### 4 APPLIQUÉ

- Remove the paper backing.
- Appliqué using one of the methods below.
- Sew around each piece carefully.



### 5 EMBROIDER DETAILS

- Use black embroidery floss.
- Stitch the closed eyes (straight stitch or satin stitch).
- Add small stitches on the branch for texture (optional).



### 6 QUILT THE BLOCK

- Layer: backing fabric (wrong side up), batting, and the appliquéd top (right side up).
- Quilt as desired: outline the owl or add echo quilting around the design.



## APPLIQUÉ METHODS (Choose your favorite)

### 1. BLANKET STITCH

- Use for a decorative finish.
- Make even blanket stitches around the edge.



### 2. MACHINE BLIND HEM STITCH

- Fold edge under 0.3 cm.
- Stitch using a blind hem stitch on your machine.



### 3. TURN EDGE APPLIQUÉ

- Turn edge under 0.5 cm.
- Fold again and appliqué with small stitches.



## TIPS

- Use a pressing sheet when fusing.
- Take your time when positioning.
- A small stitch (2–2.5 mm) gives a neat finish.
- Pre-wash fabrics to avoid shrinkage.

## SEWING & QUILTING METHODS USED

- Fusible Appliqué
- Blanket Stitch
- ⊞ Machine Blind Hem Stitch
- Straight Stitch (Embroidery)
- Quilting (Outline/Echo Quilting)

## CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- 🧺 Hand wash or machine wash on gentle cycle.
- 🧼 Use mild detergent.
- 🚫 Do not bleach.
- 📄 Lay flat to dry.
- 🔪 Iron on low if needed.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

You have completed your Owl Appliqué Quilt Block! Enjoy your handmade creation and happy quilting!

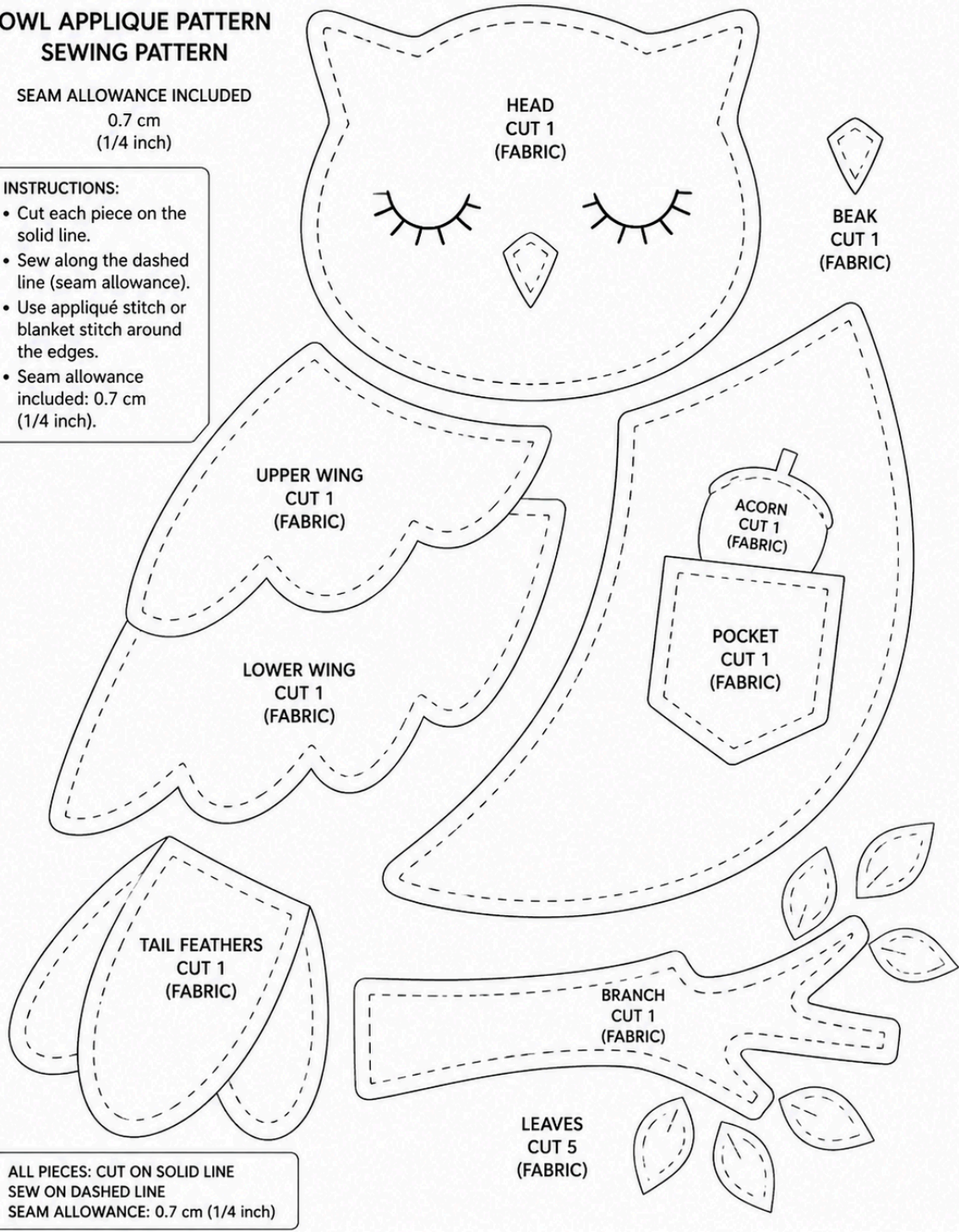


## OWL APPLIQUE PATTERN SEWING PATTERN

SEAM ALLOWANCE INCLUDED  
0.7 cm  
(1/4 inch)

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- Cut each piece on the solid line.
- Sew along the dashed line (seam allowance).
- Use appliqué stitch or blanket stitch around the edges.
- Seam allowance included: 0.7 cm (1/4 inch).



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# Owl Appliqué Tutorial – Quilt Style Step by Step

Create a beautiful Owl Appliqué Quilt Block using this complete beginner-friendly tutorial. This guide follows the same construction process shown in the reference pattern while expanding every step with detailed explanations, practical tips, and professional quilting techniques. Whether you are making a wall hanging, quilt, pillow, tote bag, or seasonal decoration, this tutorial will help you achieve a clean and polished result.

**Finished Block Size: 28 cm (11") Wide × 34 cm (13½") High**

**The seam allowance is included in the finished block.**



## Materials and Supplies

**Before beginning, gather everything you need.**

### Fabrics

- Cotton quilting fabric for the owl head
- Cotton quilting fabric for the owl body
- Fabric for the top wing
- Fabric for the bottom wing
- Fabric for the tail feathers
- Fabric for the pocket
- Brown fabric for the acorns
- Brown fabric for the branch
- Green fabric for the leaves
- Background fabric (minimum 28 × 34 cm / 11" × 13½")
- Backing fabric
- Cotton batting

### Fusible Materials

- Paper-backed fusible web
- Appliqué pressing sheet (recommended)

### Sewing Supplies

- Sewing machine
- Iron
- Ironing board
- Sharp fabric scissors
- Small embroidery scissors
- Rotary cutter (optional)
- Cutting mat
- Quilting ruler
- Fine-tip fabric marker
- Pins or fabric clips
- Black embroidery floss
- Hand sewing needle
- Matching sewing thread



### Cutting Guide

Prepare the following pieces.

Head (1)

**Approximate size:**

**11 × 10 cm**

Body (1)

**Approximate size:**

**16 × 20 cm**

Top Wing (1)

**Approximate size:**

**7 × 6 cm**

Bottom Wing (1)

**Approximate size:**

**9 × 7 cm**

**Tail Feathers (3)**

**Approximate size:**

**6 × 4 cm each**

**Pocket (1)**

**Approximate size:**

**4.5 × 5 cm**

**Acorns (2)**

**Approximate size:**

**3 × 3 cm**

**Branch (1)**

**Approximate size:**

**13 × 3 cm**

**Leaves (6)**

**Approximate size:**

**3 × 2 cm each**

## **Step 1 – Prepare the Fabric**

**Always begin by preparing your fabrics correctly.**

**Wash all cotton fabrics before cutting to eliminate shrinkage and excess dye.**

**Dry the fabrics completely.**

**Press every fabric until smooth.**

**A wrinkle-free fabric makes tracing and cutting much more accurate.**

**Using the paper side of the fusible web, trace every template exactly as shown in the pattern.**

**Remember to trace each piece separately.**

**Write the name of every piece directly on the paper.**

**Examples:**

- **Head**
- **Body**
- **Top Wing**
- **Bottom Wing**
- **Tail Feather**
- **Pocket**
- **Leaf**
- **Branch**
- **Acorn**

**If a piece appears multiple times, write the quantity.**

**For example:**

**Tail Feather ×3**

**Leaf ×6**

**Do not cut directly on the traced line.**

**Leave a small border around each traced shape before fusing.**

## **Step 2 – Fuse the Templates**

**Place the rough adhesive side of the fusible web against the wrong side of each fabric.**

**Follow the manufacturer's ironing instructions.**

**Usually:**

- Dry iron
- Medium heat
- No steam
- Press for 5–10 seconds

**Allow the fabric to cool completely before handling.**

**Once fused, cut every piece carefully on the traced outline.**

**Take your time around curves and pointed corners.**

**Accurate cutting produces a much cleaner appliqué.**

**Leave the paper backing attached until you are ready to position each piece.**

### **Step 3 – Arrange the Design**

**Lay the background fabric flat.**

**Find the center of the block.**

**Begin arranging the largest pieces first.**

**Suggested order:**

- 1. Body**
- 2. Head**
- 3. Bottom wing**
- 4. Top wing**
- 5. Tail feathers**
- 6. Pocket**
- 7. Branch**
- 8. Acorns**
- 9. Leaves**

**Do not iron anything permanently yet.**

**Move the pieces around until everything looks balanced.**

**Check:**

- Owl centered
- Wings aligned
- Tail visible
- Pocket straight
- Branch level
- Leaves naturally positioned

**Stand back and look at the entire composition before fusing.**

**Small adjustments make a big difference.**

### **Step 4 – Fuse Everything in Place**

**Once satisfied with the layout, remove the paper backing from each piece.**

**Fuse one piece at a time.**

**Begin from the bottom layer and work upward.**

**Recommended order:**

- Body
- Branch
- Tail feathers
- Bottom wing
- Top wing
- Pocket
- Head
- Acorns
- Leaves

**Use a pressing sheet whenever possible.**

**Press straight down.**

**Avoid sliding the iron.**

**Sliding can distort the shapes.**

**Allow each section to cool before moving to the next.**

## **Step 5 – Appliqué Stitching**

**Now permanently secure every piece.**

**There are several excellent methods.**

**Blanket Stitch (Hand or Machine)**

**A decorative favorite.**

**Creates a traditional quilt appearance.**

**Perfect for rustic and folk-art quilts.**

**Keep stitch length consistent around every edge.**

**Machine Blind Hem Stitch**

**One of the easiest machine appliqué methods.**

**Fold the fabric edge under approximately 3 mm ( $\frac{1}{8}$ ").**

**Sew carefully around the entire shape.**

**Produces a clean professional finish.**

**Turn Edge Appliqué**

**Fold the edge under approximately 5 mm.**

**Secure using tiny invisible stitches.**

**Excellent for heirloom quilts.**

**Produces smooth rounded edges.**

**Satin Stitch**

**A dense zigzag stitch.**

**Ideal for decorative projects.**

**Very durable.**

**Especially useful for children's quilts.**

## **Step 6 – Embroider the Details**

**The owl's face gives the project its personality.**

**Use black embroidery floss.**

**Separate the floss if you prefer finer stitching.**

**Eyes**

**Create closed sleepy eyes using:**

- **Backstitch**
- **Stem stitch**
- **Straight stitch**

**Add several eyelashes on each eye.**

**Keep both eyes symmetrical.**

**Beak**

**The beak may be stitched around using matching thread.**

**A few satin stitches can also add texture.**

**Decorative Stitching**

**Optional decorative stitching can be added around:**

- **Wings**
- **Pocket**
- **Tail feathers**
- **Branch**

**These extra details provide beautiful dimension.**

## **Step 7 – Create the Branch**

**Position the branch beneath the owl.**

**Allow the owl to slightly overlap the branch.**

**This creates depth.**

**Secure the branch using:**

- **Straight stitch**
- **Blanket stitch**
- **Narrow zigzag**

**Add decorative wood-grain stitching if desired.**

**Use brown thread.**

**Random lines create a realistic bark texture.**

## **Step 8 – Add the Leaves**

**Arrange the leaves naturally around the branch.**

**Avoid making them perfectly symmetrical.**

**Nature always looks more realistic with slight variation.**

**Attach each leaf using your preferred appliqué stitch.**

**Optional:**

**Add a center vein using a simple straight stitch.**

**This small detail greatly enhances realism.**

## **Step 9 – Attach the Acorns**

**Position the acorns near the pocket as shown in the design.**

**Fuse them in place.**

**Secure with appliqué stitching.**

**Optional embroidery around the cap of each acorn creates wonderful texture.**

## **Step 10 – Quilt the Block**

**Prepare the quilt sandwich.**

**Layer in this order:**

- 1. Backing fabric (wrong side up)**
- 2. Batting**
- 3. Finished appliqué block (right side up)**

**Smooth away every wrinkle.**

**Pin or spray baste the layers.**

**Quilt as desired.**

**Popular quilting styles include:**

- Echo quilting around the owl**
- Outline quilting**
- Free-motion quilting**
- Background stippling**
- Straight-line quilting**

**Avoid quilting directly across detailed embroidery.**

**Instead, quilt around important features.**

**This helps the owl stand out beautifully.**

## **Step 11 – Trim the Block**

**After quilting, trim the block carefully.**

**Square all four sides.**

**Double-check the final measurements.**

**Your finished block should measure approximately:**

**28 cm × 34 cm**

**Accurate trimming makes assembly much easier if adding the block to a quilt.**

## **Optional Finishing Ideas**

**Your completed owl appliqué can be used in many creative projects.**

**Ideas include:**

- **Baby quilt**
- **Wall hanging**
- **Pillow cover**
- **Tote bag**
- **Table runner**
- **Fabric basket**
- **Nursery decoration**
- **Seasonal autumn quilt**
- **Book cover**
- **Sewing machine cover**
- **Apron**
- **Christmas gift**
- **Handmade card**
- **Storage basket**



## **Helpful Tips**

- **Always prewash cotton fabrics.**
- **Press every fabric before cutting.**
- **Keep your scissors extremely sharp.**
- **Label every pattern piece.**

- **Cut slowly around curves.**
- **Use matching thread whenever possible.**
- **Test stitches on scrap fabric first.**
- **Avoid stretching bias edges.**
- **Press after every major step.**
- **Let fused pieces cool before moving them.**
- **Quilt from the center outward.**
- **Replace sewing machine needles regularly for the cleanest stitches.**

## **Care Instructions**

**To keep your finished appliqué looking beautiful for years:**

- **Wash by hand whenever possible.**
- **Machine wash only on a gentle cycle.**
- **Use cold or lukewarm water.**
- **Use mild detergent.**
- **Do not bleach.**
- **Lay flat to dry.**
- **Iron from the back whenever possible.**
- **Use a pressing cloth when ironing the front.**
- **Store in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight.**

## **Congratulations!**

**Your Owl Appliqué Quilt Block is now complete!**

**By carefully preparing the fabrics, accurately cutting each piece, arranging the design, fusing, appliqué stitching, embroidering the facial details, and quilting the finished block, you have created a charming quilt-style owl that is suitable for countless sewing projects. Take your time with each step, enjoy the creative process, and don't be afraid to personalize the design with your own fabric combinations and quilting**

**motifs. With patience and practice, every new appliqué project will become even more beautiful. Happy quilting! 🦉 🧵 ✨**