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HOOT HOOT OWL

Hoot, hoot! Let's give it up for October's owl block! Have you been waiting to dive into a stack of lovely, rich autumn colors or coveting playful Halloween prints? Number four in the series is ready for fun! This block offers the challenge of fused applique eyes. We'd also love to hear your alternative techniques such as needle turn applique or yoyos. ~Robin Engleman & Joy West

Fabrics & Cutting

Owl: Fabric as scrappy as you would like!
7 strips - 2" w x 8" h (Body & Wings)
1 - 8" w x 3 1/2" h (Head)
2 - 2" squares (Ears)
1 - 2" square (Beak- high contrast to body)
Draw a diagonal sewing line on the back of each of the 2" squares from corner to corner.

Background: Light contrasting color, minimal, self-color print or no-print fabric
1 - 8" w x 2 3/4" h (Top to attach the ears)
2 - 3" w x 5 3/4" h (Sides of the head)
2 - 1 1/2" w x 8" h (Sides of the body)
6 - 2" squares (to shape body & wings)
Draw a diagonal sewing line on the back of each of the 2" squares from corner to corner.

Applique Eyes:

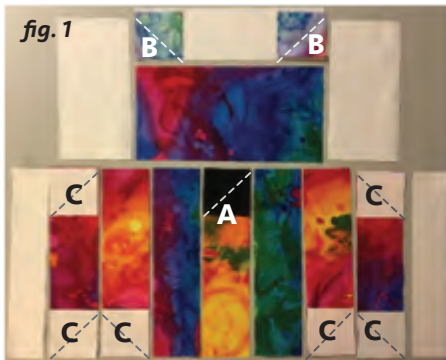
2 - 2" circles (Eyes - white or light contrast)
2 - 1" circles (Pupils - black or dark color)
Small amount of iron-on adhesive such as HeatnBond® or fusible interfacing.

Sewing instructions

See fabric layout for placement (*fig. 1*). All seam allowances are 1/4".

STEP 1: Layout & Corner Pieces

- Lay out the 7 body strips to determine their placement. Make sure the center strip will contrast well with the beak.
- Carefully note the direction of the diagonal lines in *Fig. 1*, and pin the 2" squares face



down on top of the other pieces.
(A) Place the beak at top of the center strip.
(B) Place the ears at the lower corners of the top background strip (2 1/4" x 8").
(C) Place the 2" background squares on the body/wing strips.
• Stitch along the diagonal lines. Trim to 1/4" and press seams to one side. (Hint - When two angles meet press one side up and the other down so they nest when sewn, reducing bulk at the corner.)

Sewing instructions (Cont.)

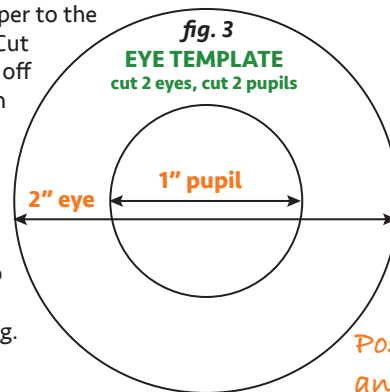
STEP 2: Assembly

- Sew the body strips together and press seams to one side. Sew the two background strips (1 1/2" by 8") to each side of the body. (*fig.2*)
- Sew the 2 background pieces (3" by 5 3/4") to the sides of the head.
- Center and sew the head to the body. Attach the eyes by means of your choice and trim the block to 12 1/2" squared.



STEP 3: Applique Eyes (The eyes may look in any direction!)

Use the circles in *fig. 3* as guides to trace two eyes on a section of iron-on adhesive and two pupils on another piece. Following directions on the packaging, iron the adhesive paper to the back of your fabric. Cut out the shapes, peel off the backing, position and iron onto your block. Stitch down the edges with zig zag. Be sure to loosen the tension! An embroidery hoop will help to keep the fabric from puckering.



Have fun!

Finished block should measure about 12 1/2 inches square. (12" block with a 1/4" seam allowance all the way around.)



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