

Birdwood Owl Lovey



Finished Size: 16" x 16" x 4 ½"

Supplies Needed

- 4 Fabric Palette® Birdwood Flannel Fat Quarters (18" x 21"):
 - White Tossed Owls (A)
 - Turquoise Letters (B)
 - Pink Tonal Flowers (C)
 - Multi Floral (D)
- Paper-backed fusible web (machine stitchable): 8" x 10"
- Generous handful of polyester fiberfill
- Coordinating thread
- Rotary cutter, mat, and acrylic ruler
- Removable marker
- Point turner or chopstick
- Basic sewing supplies
- Sewing machine
- Iron and pressing surface

Before you begin

Read all instructions before beginning project. Do not pre-wash fabrics. Press fabrics with a dry iron on cotton setting before cutting. Use a ¼" seam allowance and sew fabrics with right sides together (RST) unless otherwise noted. Print pattern actual size without scaling.

Cutting

Fabric A: 1 – 16 ½" x 16 ½" (Blanket Front)

Fabric B: 1 – 16 ½" x 16 ½" (Blanket Back) **Note:** Cut this square so that two white dotted O's are left over for the owl's eyes.

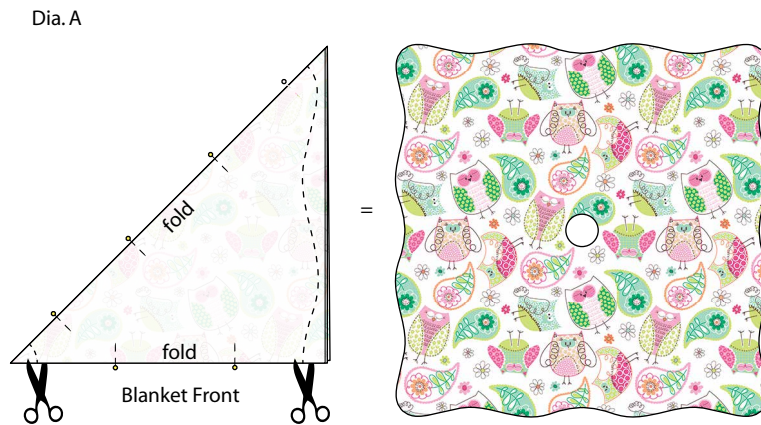
Fabric C: 2 - Owls (use patterns)

Sewing

Blanket:

1. Cut out the Blanket Pattern along solid outline only. **Note:** Do not cut on the dashed lines at this time.
2. With RST, fold and press Blanket Front in half with edges even; fold again in quarters and press. Fold diagonally in half matching folded edges to make a triangle; press folds well. **Note:** There will be eight layers of fabric.

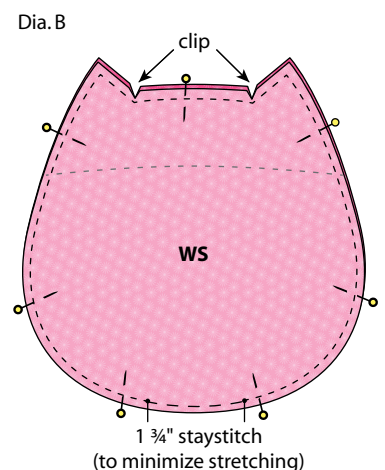
- Pin the Blanket Pattern on the folded triangle shape with the folded edges aligned as indicated on pattern. Cut through all layers along the curved edge only to make wavy edges (Dia. A). Cut tip off along curved dashed line for center hole.



- Open the Blanket Front and place RST with Blanket Back; pin and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " from wavy outside edges. Trim back along edges and clip curves. Turn right side out through center hole.
- Push seams out evenly with point turner/chopstick and press well. Topstitch around the outside edges.
- Lay flat and pin the layers together around the center hole. With long gathering stitches, sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " from opening through both layers, leaving long thread tails for gathering. Pull tails to tightly gather the center, wrap thread ends around the point that is formed and knot ends securely. Trim threads even with the knot.

Owl:

- Using patterns, trace Wings, Feathers, and Beak on the paper side of the fusible web, leaving about $\frac{1}{2}$ " between tracings. Cut out pieces loosely, leaving about $\frac{1}{4}$ " around all outside edges. Cut two 2" squares for Eyes and two 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " squares for Pupils.
- Following manufacturer's instructions, fuse Wings and Feathers on the **wrong** side of the Multi Floral flannel and cut on drawn lines.
- On the **wrong** side of the Multi Floral, center and fuse the 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares over two dark pink flowers. On the **wrong** side of the Turquoise Letters, fuse the 2" squares over two white dot O's for eyes and fuse the Beak to the solid background area of Turquoise Letters. Cut out Eyes and Pupils along the printed shapes and the Beak on drawn lines.
- Using a straight pin, gently score the paper backings on the appliqué; remove the paper backing from all pieces.
- Cut out Owl Front and Back Patterns along outside edges. Use the Owl patterns to cut out the Owl Front and Back and place pieces right side up on the pressing surface. Lay the Wings right side up on one Owl piece matching the curved outside edges with outside contours to make the Owl Front; fuse in place. Refer to the Owl Front pattern to place the Beak and Eyes; fuse in place.
- On Owl Back, place the Feathers along the lower edge, matching bottom and side curves; fuse.
- Topstitch around Beak, Wings, Eyes and Feathers to secure the appliqué. Staystitch bottom edge of opening.
- Use a removable marker to draw an asterisk in the center of each flower for the Pupils (refer to template); straight stitch along marked lines.
- Pin Owl Front and Back RST. Sew around outside edge using a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, leaving a 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " opening in center bottom seam as indicated on pattern. Press the edges of the bottom opening $\frac{1}{4}$ " to the **wrong** side. Carefully clip into but not through the seam allowances at top of the head where indicated (Dia. C).
- Turn right side out, gently pushing along seams to fully form the owl. Stuff firmly with polyester fiberfill.



Finishing

17. With the White Tossed Owl (A) side facing up, push the gathered center point of the Blanket into the bottom opening of the owl so that the gathering stitches are enclosed. Pin edges together through Owl and Blanket layers. Hand stitch through the blanket point while stitching the bottom opening of Owl closed to join pieces.

Finished Care Instructions:

Machine wash in cold water on gentle cycle. Hang to dry or tumble dry low.

