



## IT'S A HOOT OWL

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This bright-eyed Owl is a Hoot! And a great 10" square buster! If you are using your own stash or fat quarters, you can cut 8.5" or 9" squares. The 9" gives a little more fudge factor. Use whichever size you are comfortable with. The 10" pre-cut square packs give variety and even more fudge factor. These instructions are intended to be short and to the point. Related patterns (listed at appropriate steps) contain more detailed instructions, photos and information for those specific patterns.

*Quiltsmart Tip: If the printed lines on the interfacing show through a light colored fabric, you can trim them out after zigzagging. Just pull the background fabric away from the seed, and trim to 1/4" from the outer seam. This will "cut away" the lines underneath the fabric. The printed lines are there because there are many patterns that can be made with the different shapes, and those lines are helpful in many of the patterns.*

### Yardage & Cutting

**Note: Use (25) 10" squares OR use fabric that is at least 1" larger than the interfacing shape.**

### FEATHERS, BROWS & NOSE:

**Quiltsmart Rob Pete Interfacing: 1 panel**  
**Note: 2 shapes per square.**  
**Feathers: (6) 10" squares to yield 12 feathers.**  
**Eyebrows (1) 10" square.**  
**Nose: (1) 10" square - or 4.5" x 9" rectangle.**

### TUMMY & HEAD:

**Quiltsmart Clamshell Interfacing: 1 panel**  
**(11) 10" squares (see step 1)**

### EYES:

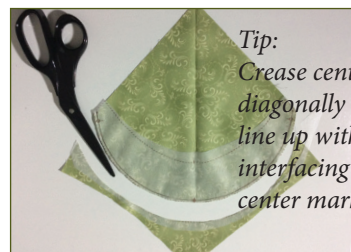
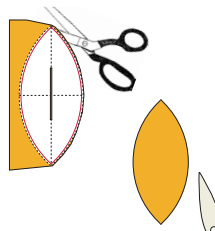
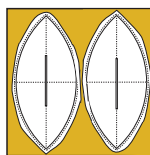
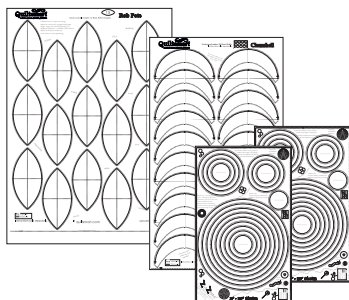
**Quiltsmart 2-10" Circles Interfacing: 2 panels**  
**Iris: (1) 10" square**  
**White: (2) 10" squares**  
**Rim: (2) 10" squares**

### BACKGROUND:

**1 yard: Cut to 28" x 36"**

### PILLOW BACKING:

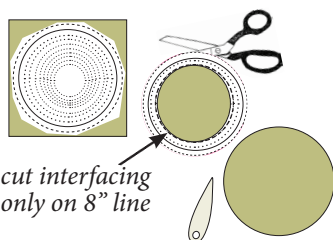
**1 3/4 yard**  
**Cut (2) 28" width of fabric (40/42") strips.**



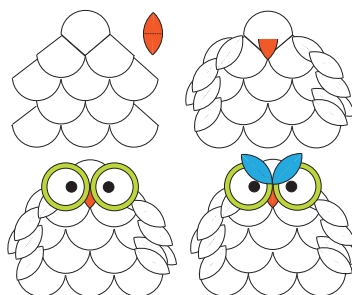
**1** Gather & cut interfacing panels and fabric according to Yardage & Cutting on the left sidebar. Rob Pete, Clamshell, and 2-10" Circles. These instructions are written for interfacing pieces to be placed on a variety of fabrics to achieve the scrappy nature of the owl and conveniently use 10" squares. But your fabric piece only needs to be at least 1" larger than the interfacing piece.

**2** **Feathers, Brows, & Nose:** Cut 15 Rob Pete interfacing shapes leaving margins around the dashed lines. A 10" square fits 2 Rob Pete shapes. Slit middle of interfacing shapes. Place rough/fusible side of interfacing to RIGHT side of fabric. Sew on the solid lines, overlapping beginning stitches. Trim on dashed lines. Turn. Gently push out points with a pointer-creaser tool. *Related Quiltsmart Patterns: Rob Pete Book, Pumpkin Seed.*

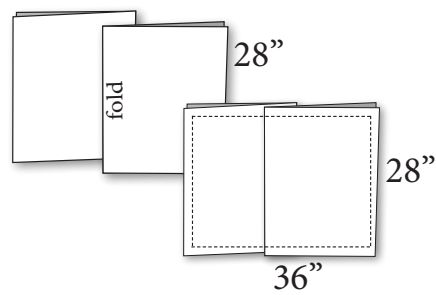
**3** **Tummy & Head:** Cut 11 (10 for tummy and 1 for head) Clamshell shapes leaving margins around dashed lines. Lay on the square, matching dashed edge lines to the raw edges of the square - again, placing rough/fusible side of interfacing to RIGHT side of fabric. Sew on the solid lines, backstitching at ends. Trim on dashed lines. Turn. Gently push out curve with a pointer-creaser tool. *Related Quiltsmart Patterns: Clamshell*



**4** **Eyes:** Cut around or on the 10" line to allow for a margin. Place rough/fusible side of interfacing to RIGHT side of fabric. Sew on the 9" solid line, overlapping beginning stitches. Trim around the outside of the circle on the dashed line AND cut interfacing only around the 8" solid line. Turn interfacing to outside and finger press. Gently push out curve with a pointer-creaser tool. *When sewing the Circles, sew the largest one first, then cut carefully to use smaller sizes.* Continue in same manner with 7" and 2" (slit interfacing to turn) sewn circles.



**5** Arrange & fuse shapes in this order: tummy & head (upside down from body shapes), nose - cut shape in half horizontally (or leave it whole if you wish), feathers, eyes, and eyebrows. Test fusing first - irons have different heat settings! Zigzag edges with the zig in the background (skimming the shape edge) and the zag in the shape. Use invisible thread or a matching or contrasting. Stitch length/width: 2.0mm. Zigzag bottom layer first, peeling upper layer only enough to stitch under it. Or fuse and zigzag one layer at a time.



**6** Fold pillow backing pieces in half. Overlap to form a 28" x 36" piece. Baste 1/4" around edges (dashed lines). Place right sides together with Owl. Stitch on the folded side, just inside of the basting stitches. Then zigzag stitch around raw edges to reinforce. Turn right side out through the pillow back opening. Stuff with 2 standard size pillows. For more free downloads and related patterns available for purchase, visit [quiltsmart.com](http://quiltsmart.com).