



Oh-Oh the Owl Cushion Softie

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Finished Size

- Approximately 37cm/14.6" tall

Materials

- Plain or printed cotton or linen blend fabric measuring 48cm/19" wide by 40cm/15.5" tall for BODY and backing (you may want to use a contrasting or plain fabric for the backing).
- Patterned cotton or linen blend fabric measuring 24cm/9.5" wide by 12cm/5" tall for BOTTOM PANEL
- Black felt for the OUTER EYES
- Felt in colour of your choice for the MID EYES
- Felt in colour of your choice for the INNER EYES
- (Optional) 2 x 2cm/0.8" wide buttons for eyes
- Felt in colour of your choice for the EYE LIDS
- Felt in colour of your choice for the HAIR
- Felt in colour of your choice for the BEAK
- 3 pieces of coloured felt of your choice for the CHEST FEATHERS
- Poly-fill stuffing
- Matching thread
- Sewing machine or needle and thread

Seam Allowance:

A seam allowance of 5mm (1/4in) is already included in the pattern template. Use this as the standard seam allowance unless stated otherwise.

Preparation of Pattern Pieces

1. In order to keep this pattern as compact as possible, I have included the HAIR template on top of the BOTTOM PANEL template, and the MID EYE template on top of the OUTER EYE template. Trace the HAIR and MID EYE templates on to scrap pieces of paper for use in this project.
2. The BODY has been spread across 2 pages. Join together with glue or sticky-tape where it is marked "JOIN" on the pattern pieces.
3. Where the pattern requires a '*pair*', take the fabric and fold it in half with the right-side of the fabric on the inside. Place the template on the top, then trace and cut the pair out together.
4. Where the pattern requires a '*piece*', simply take the template and trace it out on to the right-side of the fabric as many times as specified.
5. Cut the following number of pieces:
 - **BODY:** Cut 1 Pair
 - **BOTTOM PANEL:** Cut 1 Piece
 - **STRING of 3 CHEST FEATHERS:** Cut 1 Piece
 - **STRING of 2 CHEST FEATHER:** Cut 1 Piece
 - **SINGLE CHEST FEATHER:** Cut 1 Piece
 - **OUTER EYES:** Cut 1 Pair
 - **MID EYES:** Cut 1 Pair
 - **INNER EYES:** Cut 1 Pair
 - **EYELIDS:** Cut 1 Pair
 - **HAIR:** Cut 1 Piece
 - **BEAK:** Cut 1 Piece

Instructions

1. Take the BOTTOM PANEL piece and line its bottom and side edges with the bottom and side edges on one BODY piece. Appliqué it onto the body using a small zigzag stitch – you can use iron-on adhesive to keep it securely in place if you prefer.
2. As marked on the pattern, securely sew the string of 3 CHEST FEATHERS to the body using a running or tight zigzag stitch across the top edge. Under this, sew into place the string of 2 CHEST FEATHERS in the same fashion. Repeat with the single CHEST FEATHER.
3. Take the HAIR piece and align to the top of the Owl's head as marked on the pattern. Sew it to the head around the edges. Then use a slightly wider stitch length to sew a random, free-form design on the hair.
4. As marked on the pattern, sew the pair of OUTER EYES onto the Owl's head. Then sew the MID EYES on top of the OUTER EYES.
5. Then sew the INNER EYES to the MID EYES.
6. (Optional) Sew buttons on top of INNER EYES.
7. Sew the EYE LIDS to each eye, making sure the top and side edges are aligned.
8. Sew the BEAK to the Owl's head, in between both eyes.
9. Lay the front of the Owl down flat with right-side facing up. Take the back piece of the Owl and lay that down on top with right-side facing down. Ensure all edges are aligned and pin together.
10. Starting at the bottom of the Owl, sew the front and back pieces together leaving a gap as marked on the pattern for stuffing.
11. Cut small notches around all curves edges making sure not to cut into the seam. Also make a small diagonal cut into the corners where the head meets the body – also making sure not to cut into the seam.
12. Turn the Owl right-side out. Use the blunt end of a knitting needle or paintbrush to push out all curves and corners.
13. Stuff Owl firmly, starting with the head and moving down to the body.
14. Use a ladder stitch to close the gap making sure that both layers of fabric on the front of the owl are caught up in the stitches.
15. Ta-da!!! You have a super cute little Owl Cushion! Enjoy!

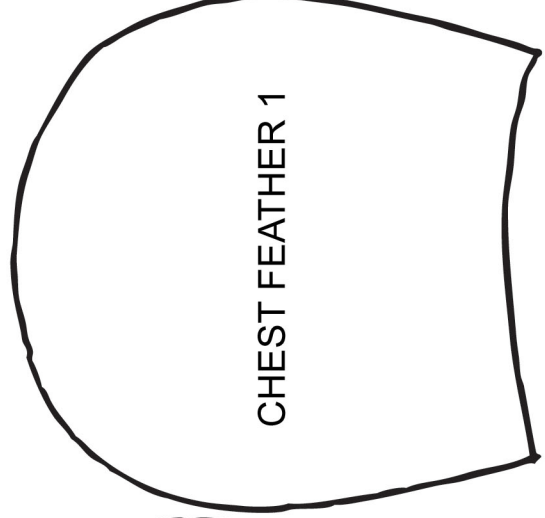
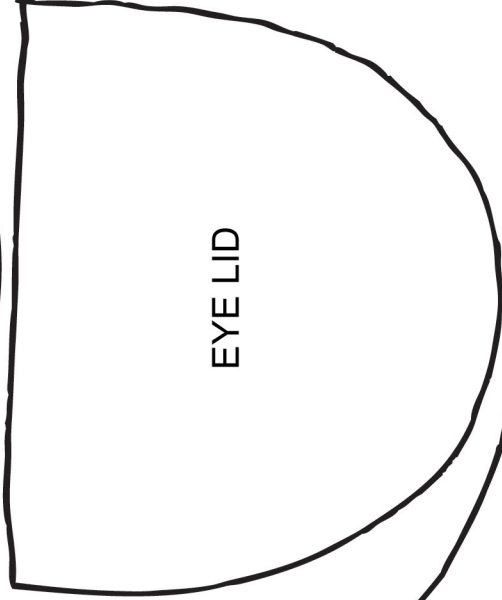
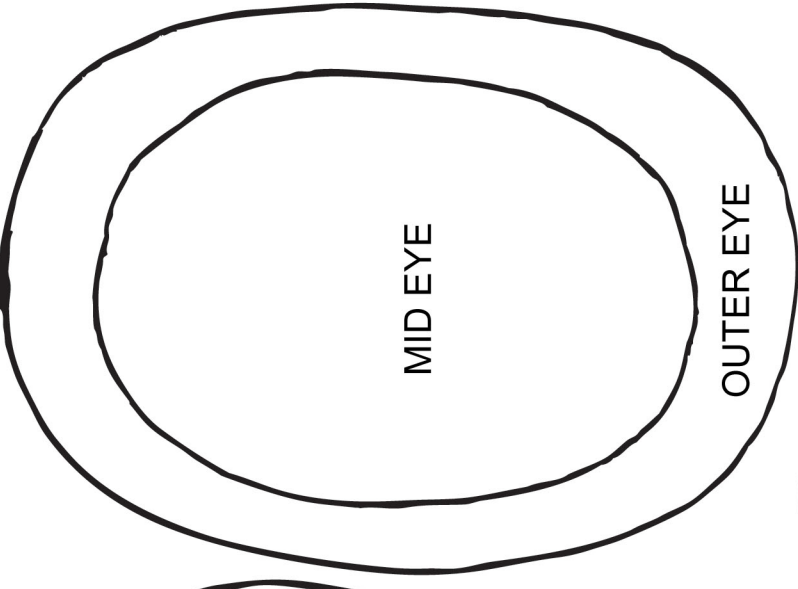
Variations on the Chest Feathers:

You might like to any of these variations to add more detail to your Owl:

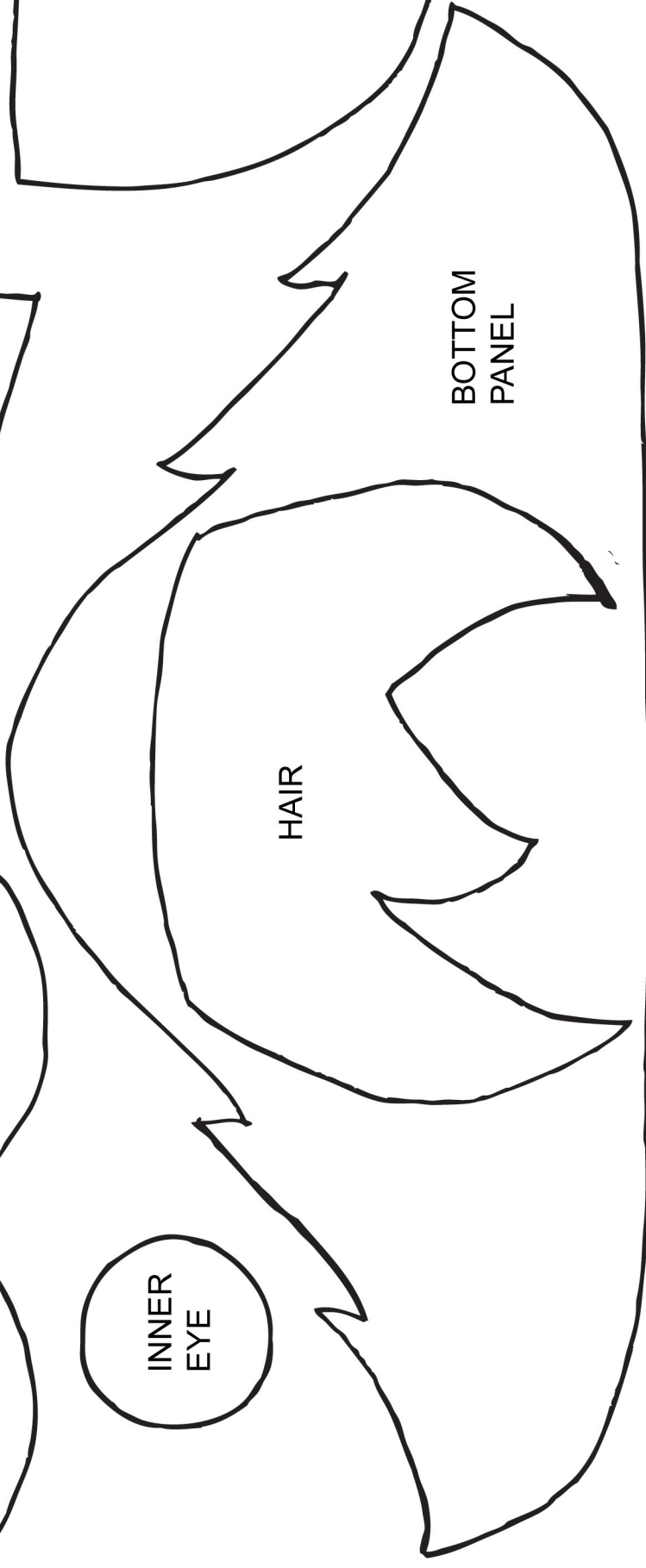
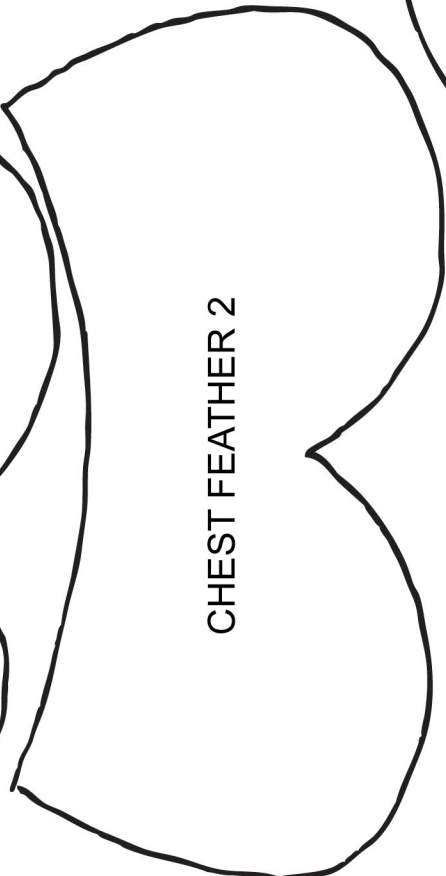
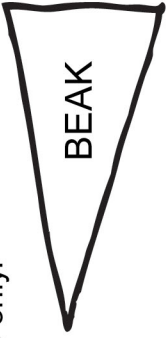
1. Take a length of the black stranded cotton and embroidery needle and embroider dashed lines down the centre of each individual Chest Feather. Cut off excess thread.
2. Sew sequins down the centre of each individual Chest Feather.
3. Instead of felt, use different fabric scraps. Iron light to mid-weight interfacing to the back of the Chest Feather before attaching to the Owl. Use shearing scissors to make zig-zag edges on the feathers. Sew to Owl as per instructions above.

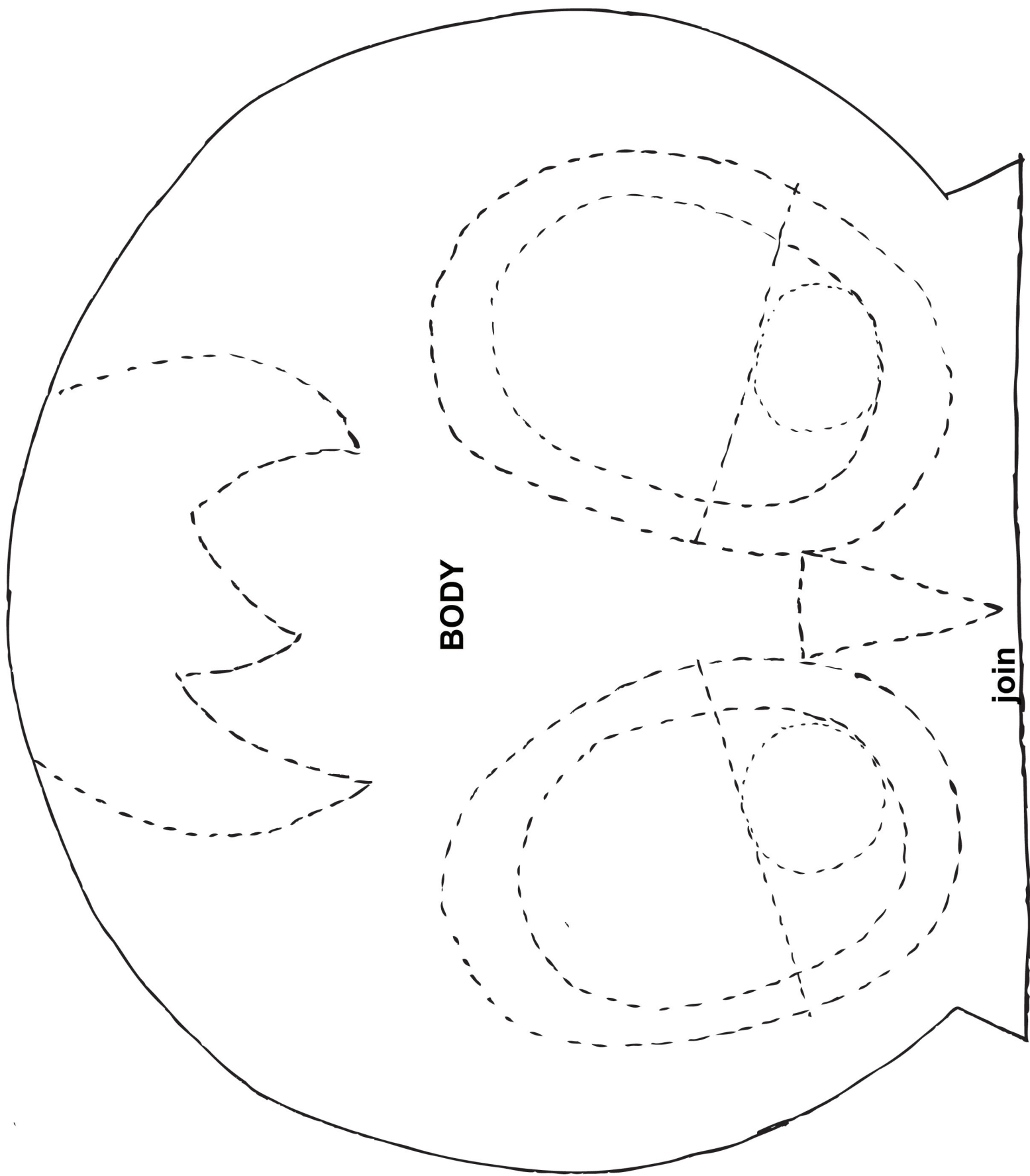
Feel free to make these Owl Cushions as gifts for family or friends or just for yourself. However, this pattern is for PERSONAL USE only so please do not sell owl cushions that you have made from this pattern. Thank you.

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