Cutting Out Pattern Pieces:	Basic Embroidery Tips:
1. Cut out pattern pieces, leaving a	Wind 24 inches of embroidery floss off
small amount of paper around them.	the bobbin and cut. Separate 3 strands
2. Use med/wool setting on the iron and	of floss and wind the rest back onto the
iron with PRINTED side up onto felt until	bobbin.
the shiny side is stuck to the felt.	
<ol><li>Cut out on the lines.</li></ol>	Insert the strands of floss through the
<ol><li>Peel the paper off the felt to use in</li></ol>	eye of needle. Pull several inches of
the pattern.	thread through the needle so that there
<ol><li>Mind any markings on the pattern</li></ol>	is a generous tail of thread.
pieces and mark with pins on the felt if	
desired.	Tie a knot in the 3 strands of floss that
<ol><li>Alternatively, simply cut out the</li></ol>	hang the longest. As you stitch, keep
pattern pieces and pin to the felt and	shortening the loose thread until there
then cut out the felt around the pattern	is just about 1-2 inches. Tie off the
piece.	thread.

## **Owl Pattern Directions:**

Please read all instructions before beginning the craft!

1. Cut out pattern pieces as instructed in the previous section.

2. Take one body piece and pin the tummy piece in place as shown on figure 1.

3. Stitch in place with a backstitch or a blanket stitch around the sides and top. Don't stitch along

the bottom. Add any decorative stitching if desired. 4. Pin the wing pieces in place and stitch with a backstitch or blanket stitch on the top, bottom and front. Don't stitch along the sides. Add any decorative stitching as desired.

5. Pin on and stitch the beak with a backstitch or blanket stitch.

6. Layer the whites of the eyes and the pupils and pin in place. Stitch with a backstitch through all layers.

7. Match the front and back together with wrong sides together.
8. Start at the \* and sew with a blanket stitch or straight stitch up the sides, across the top and down to the +. (Shown with straight stitch on figure 2.)

9. Insert the feet inside the body with the legs sticking up inside and the feet sticking out.

10. Pin the bottom piece in place, with wrong sides together.

11. Sew the front piece to the bottom piece across the front half, catching the legs in the stitching.

12. When the front half is sewn together, stuff the owl by adding the wool stuffing a little at a time. Use a pencil or chopstick to push the stuffing into the top corners of the owl. Evenly distribute the stuffing.

13. Finish stitching the back and bottom together with a blanket stitch.

14. If this owl will be an ornament, sew a short length of embroidery floss through a couple of the stitches in the top of the owl. Tie the ends together.

> Blanket Stitch Bring your needle up at A from the back about 1/8" in from the edge. Bring your needle up

from the back again, so it comes out the same spot and creating a loop around the edge.

Take the needle through the loop stitch you just made. This anchors the thread.

B

About 1/4" away, put the needle through at B and through the loop of thread.

Continue each stitch like this around the edge of appliques and blankets! Bring the needle out from the back of the fabric at A, in the middle of where two stitches will be.

Go backward and insert the needle at the end of the previous stitch (B), pulling the needle back through at the end of the next stitch (C).

Backstitch

It looks tricky, but it's one of the easiest stitches and also one of the most used!

Tip: Even when using another stitch, try using a backstitch when going around a corner to make nice, neat stitches!

Find a photographed tutorial of this project at: museofthemorning.com/owl

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