

# Owl Friends



*If you need a soft hug, wrap your arms around these adorable owls! The owls are used by bereavement centers and agencies that assist children in crisis situations. These owls have a soothing effect on those who are in special need of comfort.*

## **Supplies Needed:**Cardstock

Embroidery Needle

Fabric Pencil

\*Felt in various colors (Have fun and be creative!)

Pattern

Scissors

Small Black Buttons

Stuffing

White Thread

1/8" Ribbon

\*We recommend using different colors for the body, wings, eyes, nose and heart as shown. Amounts will vary depending on the number of owls you want to make. We used the following amounts to create approximately 100 owl friends:

1 3/4 yard pale blue  
1 3/4 yard pale yellow  
1/2 yard white  
3/4 yard light tan

3/4 yard gray  
200 black buttons  
3lb stuffing

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## Instructions:

### Preparation:

1. Using the template provided, create pattern pieces and trace the shapes with a fabric pencil. For each owl, you will need:

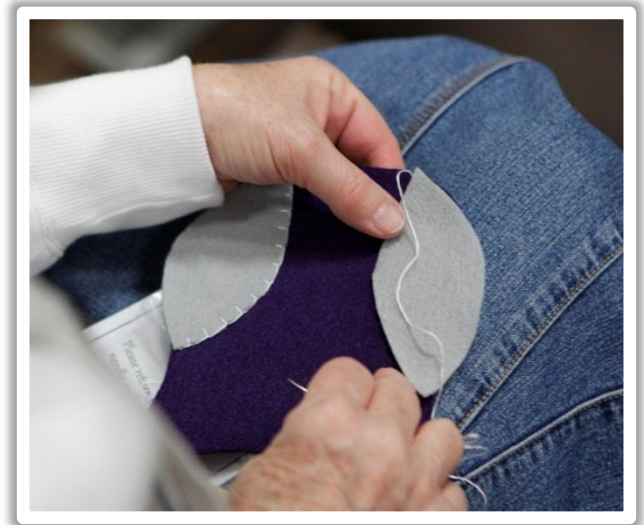
- 2 body shapes
- 2 wings
- 2 small oval eyes
- 2 large oval eyes
- 1 nose
- 1 heart

### Wings:

2. Knot end of thread. Take one layer of the body. Coming up from the back, use a \*blanket stitch to sew the wings to the sides of the fabric.

Note: Only stitch the interior edge as the outside will be sewn later.

\*Blanket stitch can be replaced with a running stitch



### Eyes:

3. Sew button eye onto white felt oval. Go through button several times to ensure it won't fall off and become a choking hazard. Knot thread on back.

4. Sew a blanket stitch around white of eye connecting oval layers. Knot on back.

5. Using blanket stitch, sew eyes onto body, slightly overlapping wings.



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**Beak:**

6. Sew triangle beak to body, slightly overlapping eyes. Use running stitch.

**Embellishments:**

7. Sew on embellishments. Use a running stitch for heart, tack on a bow or feather if desired.



**Body:**

8. Using a running stitch, sew the front layer to the back layer of your owl, leaving the bottom open.



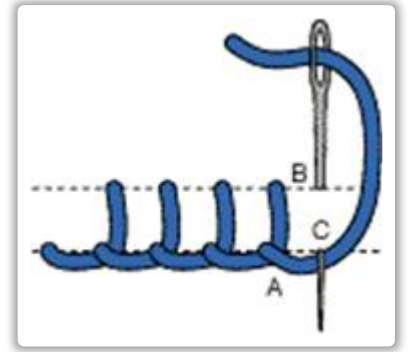
9. Insert batting. It should not be overstuffed.

10. Continue stitching to close the bottom.



**Blanket stitch instructions:**

1. Come up from back on edge of felt.
2. Take the needle down from above about a 1/4" away diagonally.
3. Come back up on edge about a 1/4" away straight across.
4. Slip needle under loop and pull taught, but not too tight or will cause puckering.



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