

# Owl Needle Keeper – by Darcy Ashton

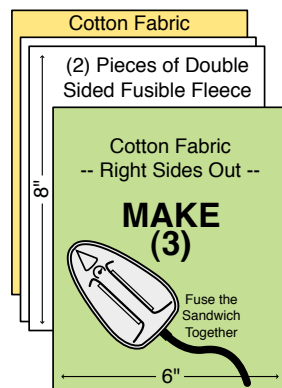


## Materials

- (6) 6" x 8" Pieces of Fusible Warm Fleece 2® (Double Sided) by the Warm Company™
- (2) 6" x 8" Pieces of Fusible Warm Fleece 1® (Single Sided) by the Warm Company™
- Lite Steam-a-Seam 2® Paper Backed Fusible Web by the Warm Company™
- (8) 6" x 8" Pieces of Cotton Fabric
- Small Scraps of Cotton Fabric for the Owl Details
- (2) Small Fusible Crystals for the Eye Highlights
- (4) Metal Grommets
- (1) Metal “Book Binder” Type Keyring.

## Make the Blank Pages

- Use (6) 6" x 8" pieces of double sided Fusible Warm Fleece 2® and (6) pieces of fabric. Press them into pairs with the fabric on either side. You will now have (3) fused fleece sandwich pages.

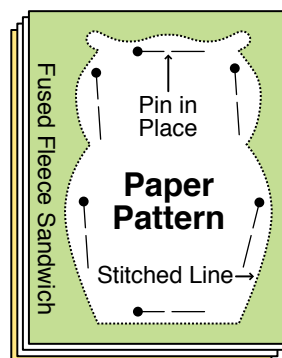


- Trace the “base piece” of the owl pattern (from

page 2) onto a piece of paper and cut it out with paper scissors.

- Pin the paper pattern to a fleece sandwich and sew around the shape on

your sewing machine with a straight stitch. Do not sew on the paper, simply use it as a guide.

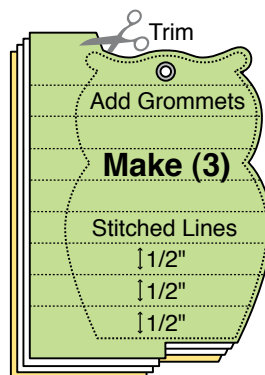


- Remove the pins and paper pattern. Repeat these steps for the remaining fleece sandwiches until you have all three sewn.

- Use a ruler to mark horizontal lines on your base pieces starting 1/2" from the bottom edge.

- Sew on the lines all the way across the sandwiched rectangle.

- Trim the excess fabric away with scissors. Leave about 1/16" edge around the outside of the stitching line. This will give you (3) two-sided blank pages. You may want to use pinking shears to add a decorative edge.



- Grommets will be added to the top center of each page at the end, and clipped with a keyring, to hold your needlebook together.

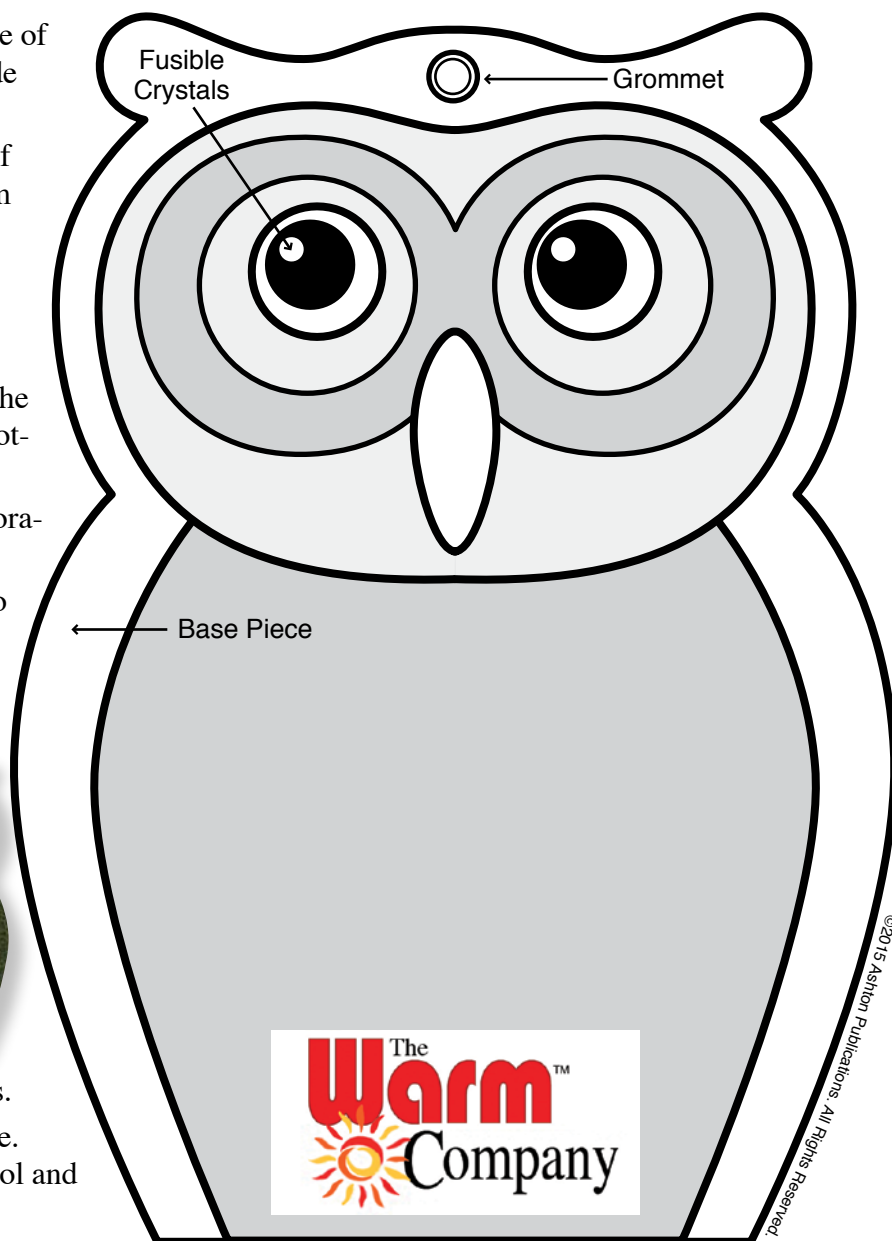
## Make the Front Page

- Pin the paper owl shape to the front of a piece of 6" x 8" cotton fabric. Trace around the outside edge of the paper to mark the owl shape.
- Fuse this piece of fabric to a 6" x 8" piece of Warm Fleece 1® (Single Sided) by the Warm Company™.
- Prepare the rest of the small applique fabric pieces with Steam-a-Seam® on the back of each piece.
- Fuse each applique piece in position using the pattern and the drawn line traced onto the cotton rectangle for positioning.
- Sew around each applique piece with a decorative stitch on your sewing machine.
- Fuse the last rectangle of Warm Fleece 1® to the last 6" x 8" piece of fabric.
- Sew 1/2" rows of stitching on this last piece to match the blank pages.
- Pin these two halves, fleece sides together, and sew on your drawn line for the owl shape. Trim as before -- leaving 1/16" edge around the stitched line.



## Finishing Touches

- Add fusible crystals as highlights in the eyes.
- Add a metal grommet to the top of each page. Packages of metal grommets come with a tool and instructions.
- Attach all of the pages together with a "book binder" type metal key ring so that you can clip your needlebook anywhere that's handy for sewing.



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