

# Oliver the Owl

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Beginner pattern makes an 18" x 27" wall-hanging quilt

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## Supplies

- Freezer paper
- Lite Steam a Seam 2
- Tacky glue
- Iron
- Fabric scissors
- 24" x 18" piece of lightweight white cotton fabric
- Fabric scraps or precuts for collage
- 24 - 5" squares of coordinating fabric for pieced background

## Prepare Your Foundation & Template

- Print and tape pieces of template together to create the design.
- Trace design onto lightweight cotton fabric using a lightbox or by hanging your foundation panel in a window, numbering each gray section of the design.

## Select Fabric

- Decide on the color palette of your design and gather fabric that you love! Select an assortment of prints, batiks, florals, solids-- a good variety will make your quilt more interesting.
- There are 5 gray tones in the design ranging from light to dark (excluding the feet, eyes & beak). Choose 3-5 fabrics for the head, 4-6 fabrics for the wing & 3-5 fabrics for the belly (a fat eighth is sufficient). Select a solid piece of fabric for the chest, face, legs, eyes & beak of the owl. Keep in mind that VALUE represents the light or dark of a fabric. You can use any color scheme you choose with "Owl", so long as the colors you choose correspond in value to the gray tones.
- Apply Lite Steam a Seam 2 on the wrong side of each piece of fabric you've selected for the quilt, following manufacturers directions.

## Cut & Apply Fabric

- Work on one section of the quilt at a time. To collage the wing, head and belly of the owl, cut pieces no larger than your palm & no smaller than a thumbnail. Pieces can vary in shape. Apply fabric pieces to the foundation by removing the paper on the back and exposing the Lite Steam a Seam 2. Overlap each piece with surrounding pieces and make them fit in the section of the design you are working on.
- To create the template for the face, chest & legs, trace those sections of the design onto freezer-paper and cut out. Iron template pieces to the right side of fabric you want in that section of the quilt.
- Cut fabric pieces 1/8" - 1/4" larger than template pieces. Peel off the template and the paper from the Lite Steam a Seam 2 on the back, and temporarily stick the fabric to the foundation. Be sure to overlap surrounding fabric and the outline of the design.
- Continue until you've covered the entire foundation with fabric to create the design--either using a template or collaging each section.

## Finish the Quilt

- When you are satisfied with the design, press the finished design with a steam iron.
- Cut owl away from foundation fabric and adhere to pieced background (4 blocks across, 6 blocks down) using a minimal amount of glue-- just enough to hold it in place until it's quilted.
- Quilt and bind as desired.

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