

# SNUGGLY OWL

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*This snuggly owl is the perfect addition to any child's arms. It's made with love and totally customizable. Try it once then create it again and again using different colors and fabrics as gifts or treats for the little ones in your life.*

## CUTTING

- Cut out all pattern pieces in the colors and fabrics of your choice.
- Owl Base: cut 2 on fold
- Wing: cut 2
- Bodice: cut 1
- Outer Eye: cut 2
- Inner Eye: cut 2
- Feet: cut 4
- Beak: cut 1
- Center Strip: 46" x 3½"



## Step One

### Pin Bodice to Owl Base

Lay the bodice on top of the front owl base, using the pattern as a guide. Fold under the top edge  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and pin in place.



Sew close to the edge along the top, then the two sides, attaching the bodice to the owl base. There's no need to fold the side edges under, as they will be covered up later.



## Step Two

### Pin the Wings

Lay the Wings on top of the owl base. Fold under the inner edges  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and pin in place.



Sew close to the pinned edges of the wings, attaching them to the owl base.



### Step Three

#### Pin the Beak

Pin the beak in place and zigzag close to the edge of all three sides.



Do the same with the outer eyes.



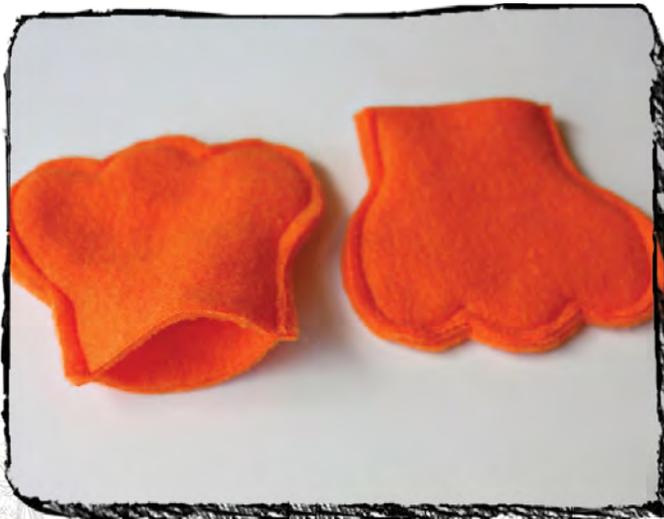
Repeat for the inner eyes.



## Step Four

### Sew the Feet

Pin two of the feet right sides together. Sew around the outer edges with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Do the same with the other two feet pieces.



### Stuff the Feet with Batting

Turn both feet right side out and stuff with a bit of batting.



### Stitch the Feet to the Owl Base

With the batting stuffed down into each foot, pin the feet to the bodice/owl base, matching the raw edges and aligning the outer edge of each foot with the inner edge of a wing. Stitch the feet to the owl base using a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance.



## Step Five

### Pin Center Strip to Owl

Begin lining up the center strip along the outer edge of the owl, starting at the very bottom of the owl. Use pins to attach the center strip to the owl, but leave a few inches of the center strip free at the very beginning.



Continue pinning until you approach the first point at the top of the owl. Manipulate the edge of the center strip as needed as you align it with the curves of the owl.



A corner will need to be made at the point, so flip the center strip up, making a diagonal fold. Keep the left edge of the center strip even with the left side of the point. See how the red and pink fabrics make one continuous line for a few inches?



Keeping that angle in place, flip the center strip down, keeping that top fold of the center strip even with the top of the point.



Keep those edges on the left even with each other.



Pin it all in place as you go.



Continue pinning, folding and pinning the center strip around the second point the same way as the first. When you reach the end of the strip, leave a few inches free at the end.



Place the two center strip ends right sides together and pin them together. The center strip may have stretched as you pinned it around your owl, so adjust where the ends are pinned together so that the center strip forms a continuous piece of fabric around the owl.



### Trim the Excess Fabric

Trim off any excess fabric, leaving about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " beyond the stitching.



Pin this section of the center strip to the owl base, matching up the outer edges.



## Step Six

### Sew the Center Strip to the Owl Base

Begin sewing your center strip to the owl base, using a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance, stopping as you near the first point.



As you near the point, keep the fold of fabric folded away from the needle. Continue to sew, stopping  $\frac{1}{2}$ " before the end of the point. Backstitch a few times, but don't cross into that  $\frac{1}{2}$ " space at the end.



Turn your owl to begin sewing around the other side of the point.



Flip over the fabric away from the needle, and then place your needle down in the fabric  $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the end. Backstitch a few times, but don't cross into the  $\frac{1}{2}$ " space at the beginning. Continue stitching the center strip to the owl base, turning the corner at the second point the same way as the first.



Continue stitching all the way around the owl base.



## Step Seven

### Pin Front and Back Together

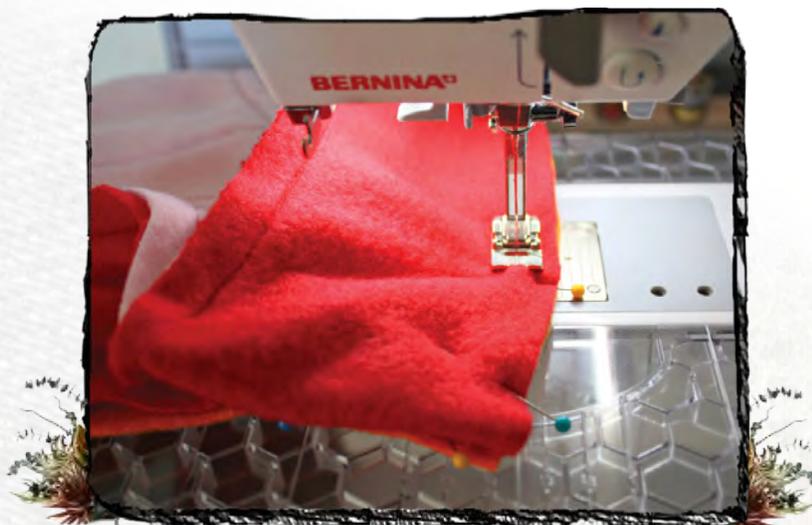
Place the back owl base right side together with the front owl base. Pin the edges of the back owl base to the center strip, matching up the tops of the owl's head so that the points are directly across from each other. Be sure that you are pinning right sides together.



## Step Eight

### Sew Front, Back and Center Strip

Place the owl under the sewing machine presser foot with the center strip facing up; this will allow you to maneuver the fabric around the points the same way that you did when attaching the first side.



Stitch using a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance, leaving about a 4" opening along the bottom edge of the owl.



## Step Nine

### Making the Owl Ears

At the top of the owl, pinch the points on one side together, creating a fold along the center strip from the back point to the front point. Repeat for the other set of points.



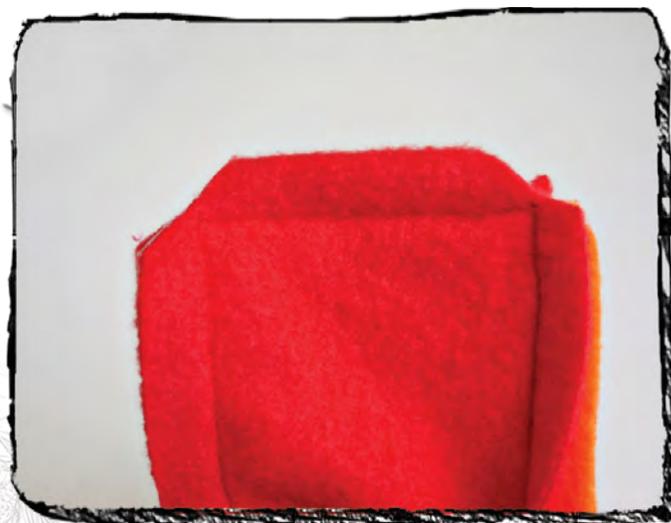
Sew a straight line  $\frac{1}{2}$ " below the folds in the center strip. Start at the end of one of the vertical lines, sewing to the other one as shown in the photo.



Do the same with the other point. This will help create nice creases and folds for the points of the owl after you turn it right side out.



Trim off both corners of each end, being careful not to clip through any seams.



## Step Ten

### Stuff Your Owl

Stuff your owl full of batting.



Fold the opening edges toward the inside  $\frac{1}{2}$ ", and then hand-stitch the opening closed.



# Owl Base - Part 1

## Cut 2

Line up Owl Base Part 1 and Owl Base Part 2  
along the dashed lines and the X's.  
Tape together to make one Owl Base piece.

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Beak  
Placement  
Guide

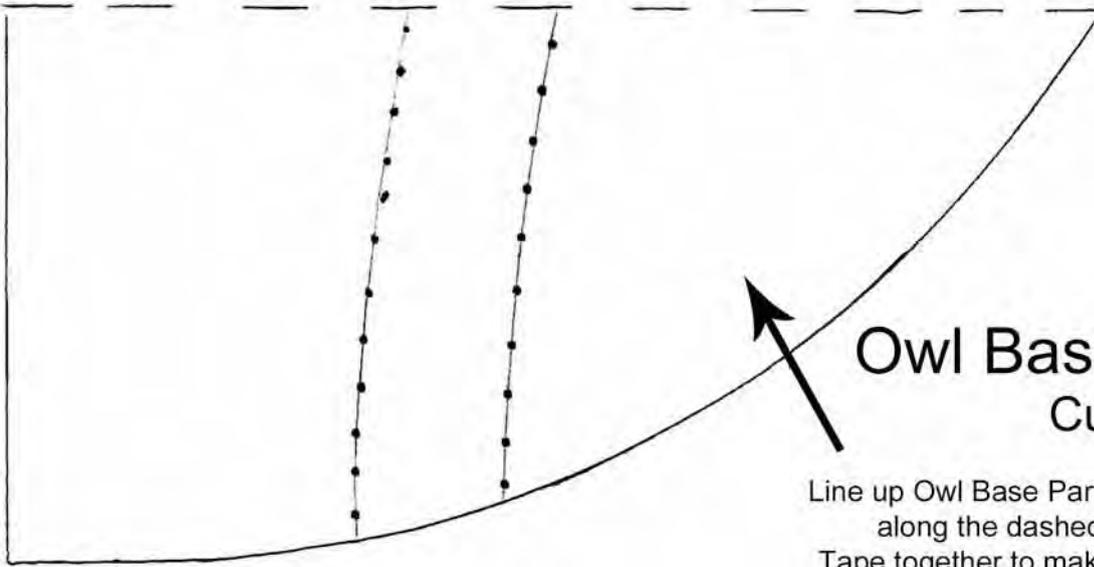
Outer Eye  
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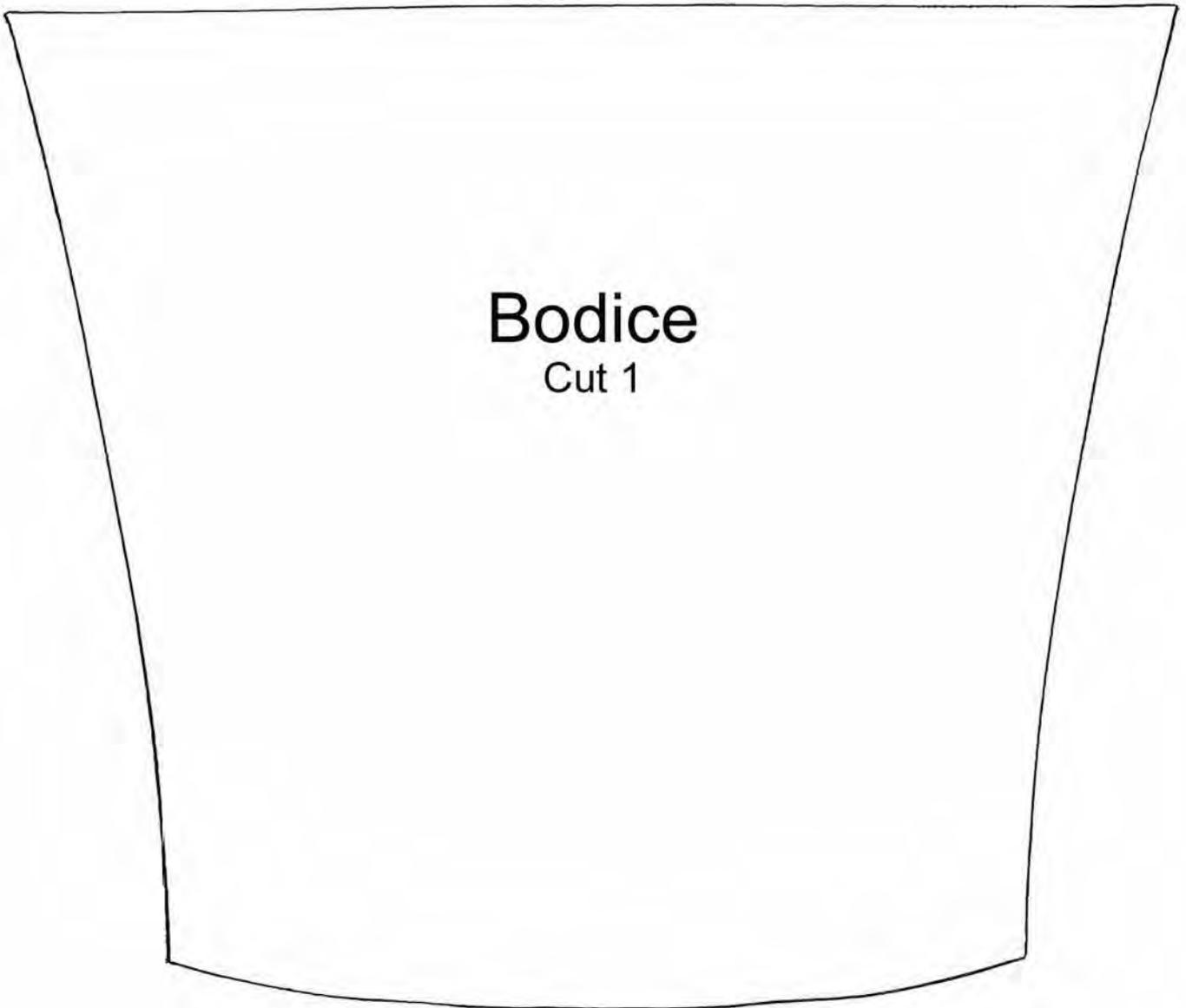
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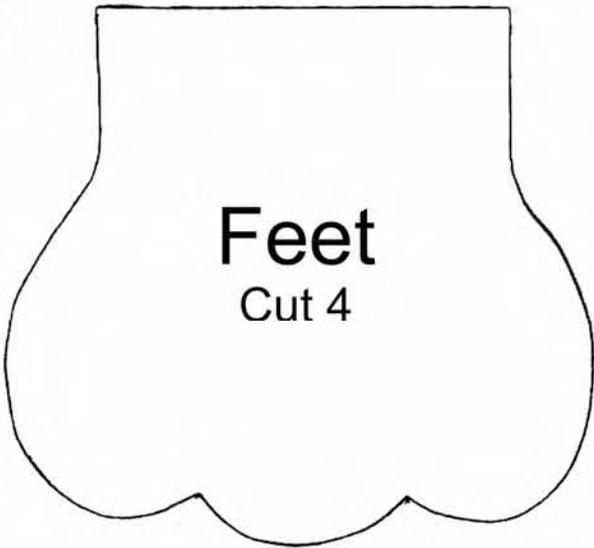
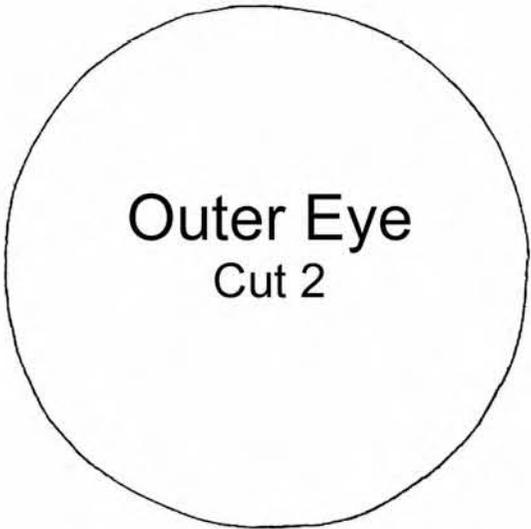
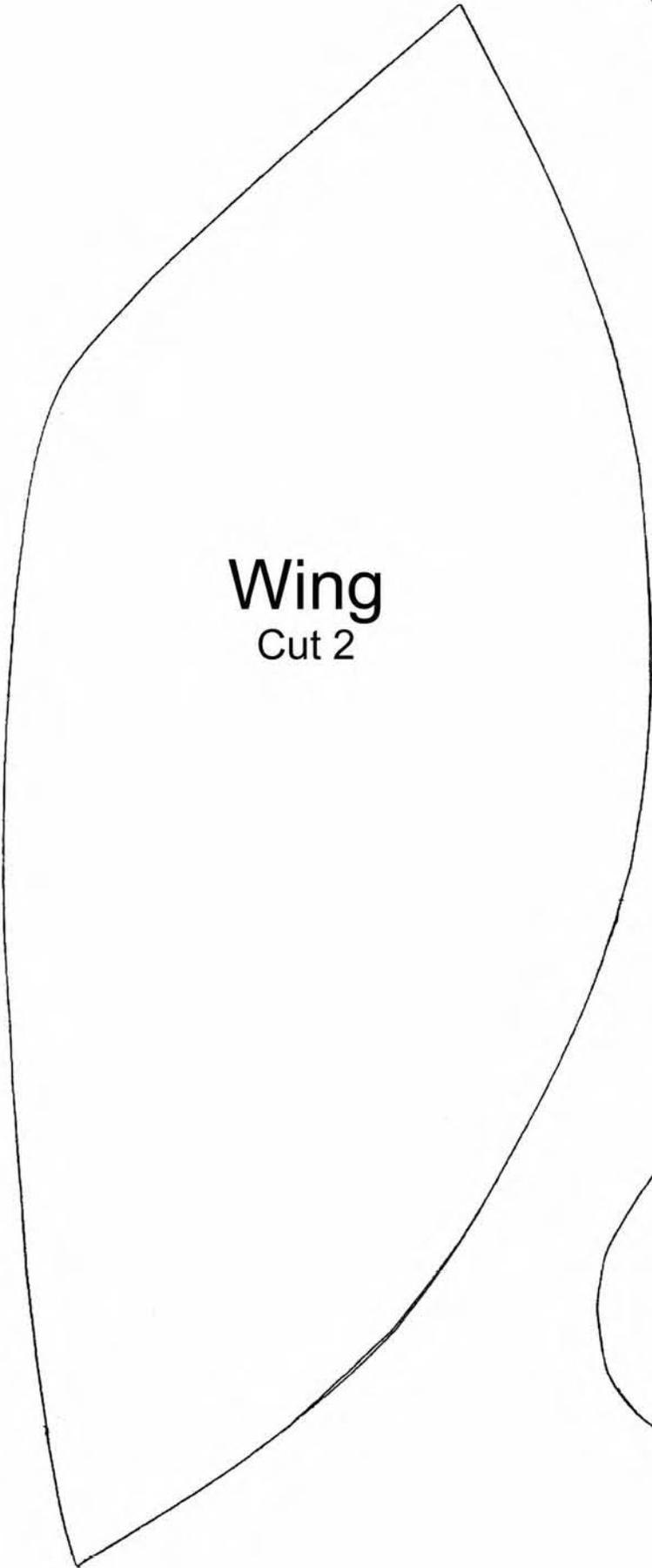
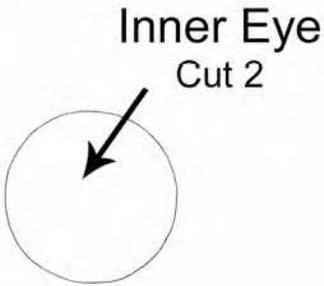
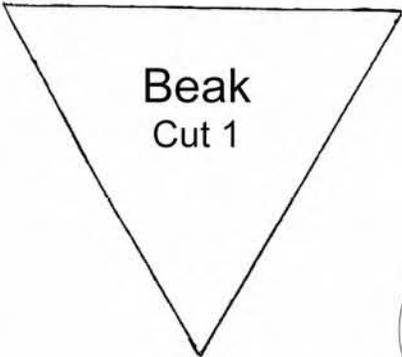


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**Bodice**  
Cut 1



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