

Squishy

• The Cute Owl •



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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please read through all of the instructions carefully before starting Squishy.

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## How To Use This Pattern

**Sewing Method:** Hand sewing and embroidery. No sewing machine is required.

**Embroidery Floss Strands:** If the pattern lists 3 strands (for example), this means thread needle with 3 strands and knot the two tail-ends together for a working thickness of 6 strands. So if you want to match the same stitch thickness as ours, remember that the number of strands listed actually means the thickness will be double that.

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## About This Pattern

**Squishy The Cute Owl:** Squishy is a felt owl that measures approximately 7" tall and 6.5" wide.

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# MATERIALS



Felt: (\*we recommend using wool blend felt)

## Brown Owl

- BROWN (PEAT MOSS) - FULL
- TAN (BEIGE) - QUARTER
- CREAM (BEACH SAND) - QUARTER
- TAUPE (CAMEL) - QUARTER
- MUSTARD (MUSTARD SEED) - SCRAPS
- GOLD (OLD GOLD) - SCRAPS
- MOSSY GREEN (SHADY GROVE) - SCRAPS

## Pink Owl

- PLUM (PLUM) - FULL
- ROSE (ENGLISH ROSE) - QUARTER
- LIGHT PINK (COTTON CANDY) - QUARTER
- DARK PINK (PRETTY IN PINK) - QUARTER
- CORAL (PINK GRAPEFRUIT) - SCRAPS
- SAGE (LODEN) - SCRAPS

## Open Eyes (optional):

- BLACK (BLACK) - SCRAPS

Embroidery Floss:

## Brown Owl

- BROWN (869)
- TAN (3828)
- CREAM (738)
- TAUPE (840)
- MUSTARD (3829)
- LIGHT BROWN (167)
- DARK GREEN (936)

## Pink Owl

- PLUM (3726)
- DARK PLUM (3802)
- LIGHT PINK (604)
- DARK PINK (3722)
- CORAL (3778)
- DARK CORAL (3858)
- SAGE (935)

## Open Eyes (optional):

- BLACK (310)
- WHITE (BLANC)

• 1 Needle

• Scissors

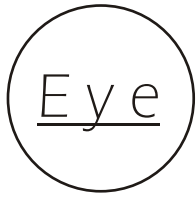
• Stuffing

## Notes:

- \*The felt we use is a wool felt blend made by National Nonwovens. We purchase this felt from either: [commonwealthfelt.com](http://commonwealthfelt.com) or [woolfeltcentral.com](http://woolfeltcentral.com). And for a list of other suppliers, visit our webpage at: [squishycutedesigns.com/suppliers](http://squishycutedesigns.com/suppliers). On the material list above, and on the pattern pieces, we will give the exact name of the felt colors we used in parenthesis.
- The sizes listed after each felt color reference how much of that color of felt you will need. The quantities are: Full = 12" x 18" sheet, Half = 9" x 12", Quarter = 6" x 9", Scraps = 3" x 3" or less.
- The numbers listed after each floss color are in reference to DMC brand embroidery floss. These are the exact DMC colors we used, and they are what we recommend if you are using the same brand and colors of felt as we did.
- The stuffing we used was a polyester fiberfill.



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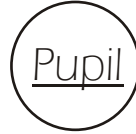
Eye

Eye (Optional)

CUT 2 IN TAUPE (CAMEL)

OR

DARK PINK (PRETTY IN PINK)



Pupil

Pupil (Optional)

CUT 2 IN BLACK

(BLACK)

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Body

CUT 2 IN BROWN (PEAT MOSS)

OR

PLUM (PLUM)

CENTER

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## Feathers

CUT 1 IN TAN (BEIGE)

OR

ROSE (ENGLISH ROSE)

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## Belly

CUT 1 IN CREAM (BEACH SAND)

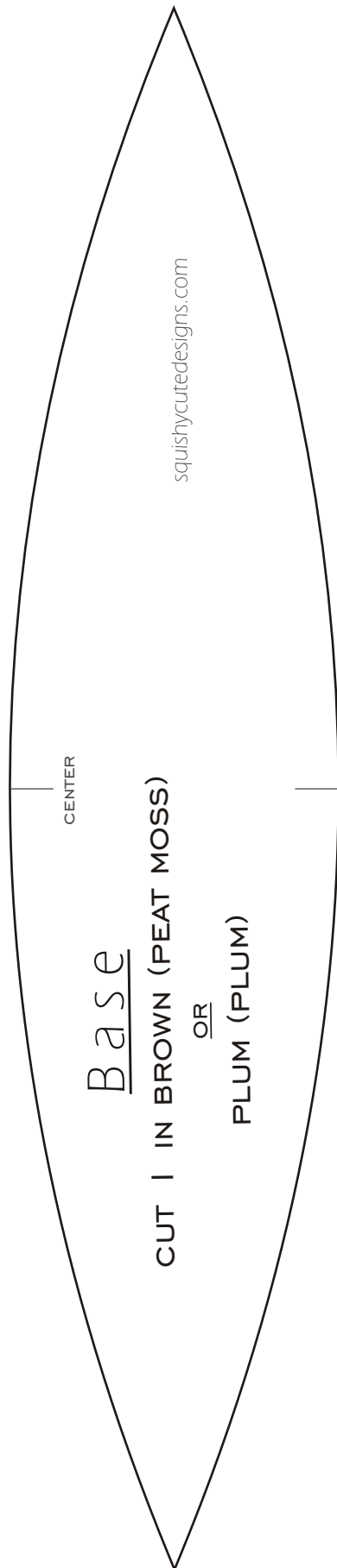
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LIGHT PINK (COTTON CANDY)

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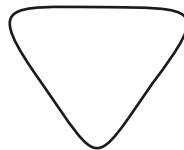
## Outer Ring

CUT 2 IN TAUPE (CAMEL)  
OR  
DARK PINK (PRETTY IN PINK)



## Inner Ring

CUT 2 IN CREAM (BEACH SAND)  
OR  
LIGHT PINK (COTTON CANDY)



## Beak

CUT 1 IN MUSTARD (MUSTARD SEED)  
OR  
CORAL (PINK GRAPEFRUIT)



## Toes



CUT 2 IN GOLD (OLD GOLD)  
OR  
ROSE (ENGLISH ROSE)



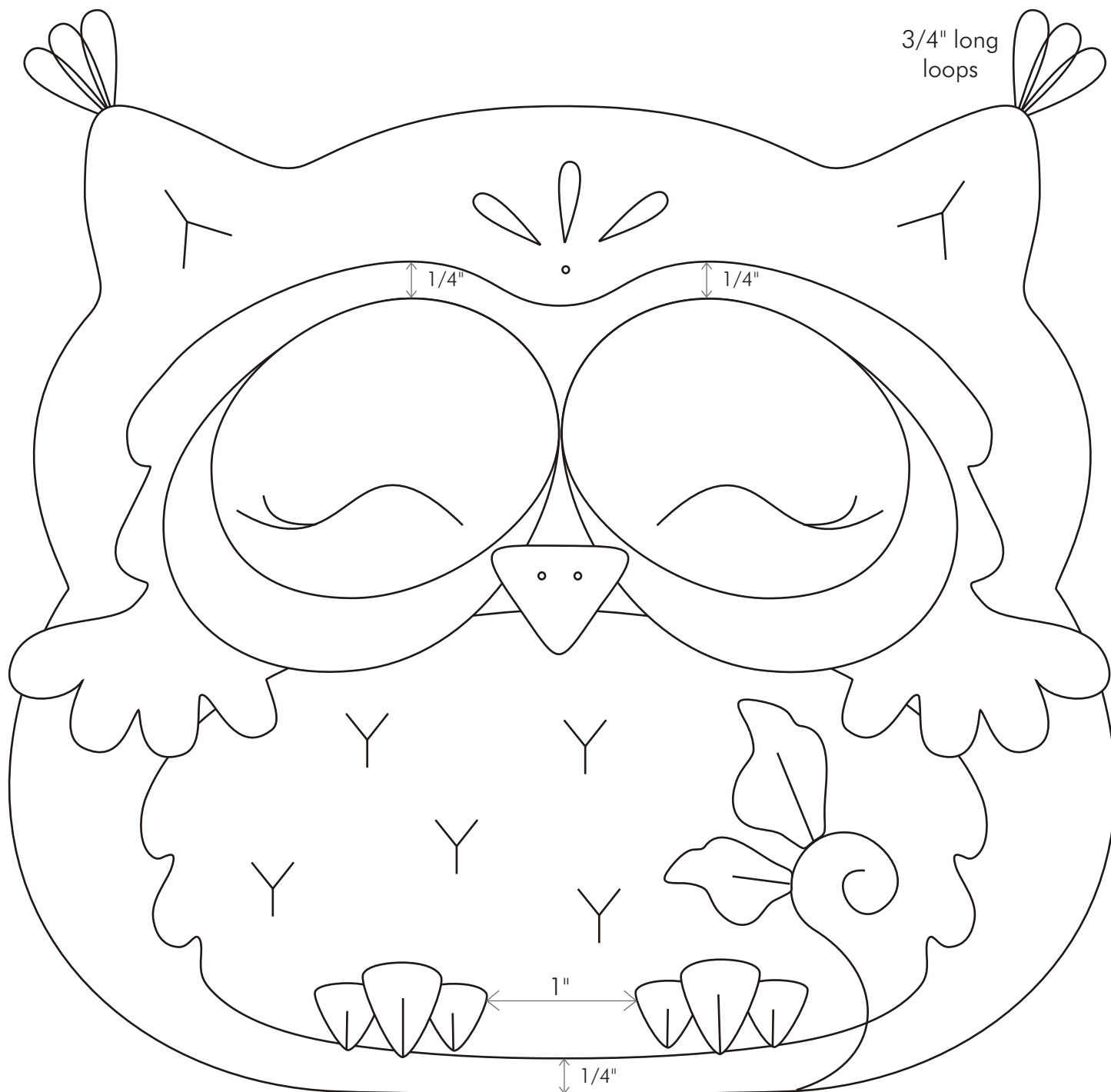
CUT 4 IN MUSTARD (MUSTARD SEED)  
OR  
DARK PINK (PRETTY IN PINK)



## Leaves

CUT 1 EACH IN  
MOSSY GREEN (SHADY GROVE)  
OR  
SAGE (LODEN)

# PLACEMENT & EMBROIDERY GUIDE



## How to Transfer Designs onto Felt:

For help with transferring these designs onto your owl, please see our "Transfer Methods" webpage:  
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7 Fly stitches:

3 Lazy daisy stitches:

3 French knots:



Backstitch:

Stem stitch:



(eyelashes)

(swirly vine)



# INSTRUCTIONS



## STEP 1

Cut out pattern pieces:

Cut all pieces out of felt as indicated on each pattern piece. See photo below.



## STEP 2

Sew on the belly:

Center the belly 1/4" up from bottom of the body piece. See placement guide on page 7 and the photo on the upper right. Pin or baste it into place, and then stitch around perimeter, about 1/8" in from the edge. See info box below for type of stitch used, stitch placement, color of embroidery floss, and number of strands of floss used.

- Backstitch along perimeter of belly
- For detailed stitch tutorials, please visit:  
[www.squishycutedesigns.com/helpful-hints/](http://www.squishycutedesigns.com/helpful-hints/)
- Brown owl: cream floss (738) - 1 strand
- Pink owl: light pink floss (604) - 1 strand
- For embroidery floss strand information: page 2.



## STEP 3

Sew on feathers, outer rings & inner rings:

Line up "feathers" piece along top edge of belly. Baste it in place with a few stitches. Make sure your basting stitches are placed where the two "outer rings" will hide the stitches. See photo below.



Next, center the "outer rings" about 1/4" down from the top of the "feathers" piece. See page 7 and photo on next page.

Step 3 continued on next page...



Pin or baste them on and then sew the "outer rings" along the perimeter about 1/16" to 1/8" in from the edge.

- Backstitch around perimeter of outer rings
- Brown owl: taupe floss (840) - 1 strand
- Pink owl: dark pink floss (3722) - 1 strand



Now place the "inner rings" along the top edge of the "outer rings" and pin or baste them in place. Sew on the inner rings around the perimeter.

- Backstitch around perimeter of inner rings
- Brown owl: cream floss (738) - 1 strand
- Pink owl: light pink floss (604) - 1 strand



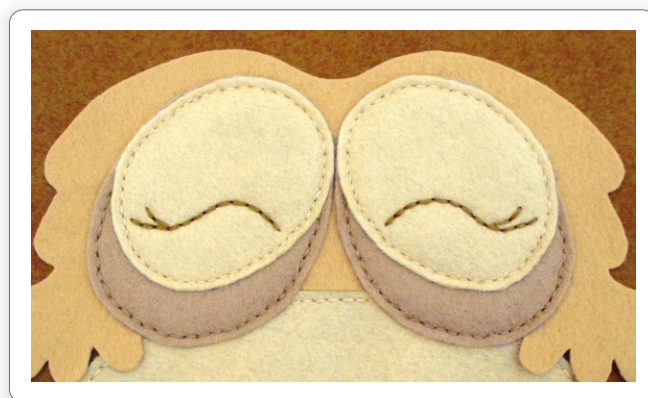
## STEP 4

Sew on the eyes:

### For Closed Eyes:

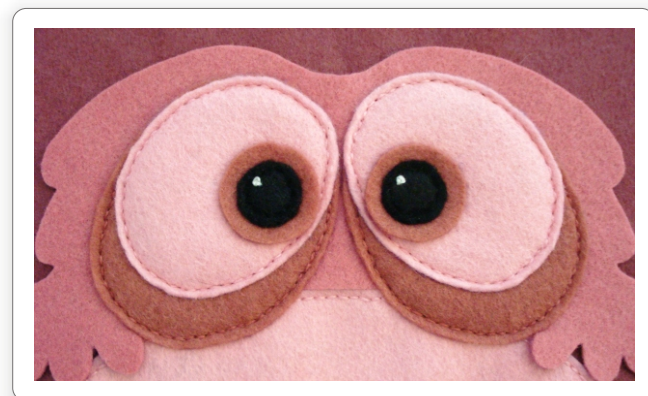
Use the embroidery guide on page 7 for the closed eyes design. For help with transferring these designs onto your felt, see our "Transfer Methods" webpage: [squishycutedesigns.com/transfer-methods-for-felt/](http://squishycutedesigns.com/transfer-methods-for-felt/)

- Backstitch the eyelashes
- Brown owl: brown floss (869) - 3 strands
- Pink owl: dark plum floss (3802) - 3 strands



### For Open Eyes:

Center black pupils on top of eye circles. Now place these on the inner rings. Place them wherever you want your owl to be looking. Then backstitch around the perimeter of the black pupils only, using one strand of black floss. Now put a French knot in each eye using 2 strands of white floss.



## STEP 5

### Sew on the beak:

Center the beak so that the top corners are touching the inner rings. Sew around perimeter of beak and then sew on two beak "holes".

- Backstitch around perimeter of beak
- Brown owl: mustard floss (3829) - 1 strand
- Pink owl: coral floss (3778) - 1 strand
- Two French knots for beak holes
- Brown owl: brown floss (869) - 2 strands
- Pink owl: dark coral floss (3858) - 2 strands



Then sew the leaves onto the vine as shown on page 7 and the photo above. Stitch them on by coming up near the tip of the leaf with your needle, and then going down *almost* at the base of the leaf, creating one long stitch. If you want the stitch to look like it goes all the way to the vine, simply make one more small stitch to fill in the gap. We suggest this technique, rather than just one long stitch that goes off the end of the leaf, because it secures the leaf better. If you had one stitch going off the end, the leaf would only be held down at one point, and could rotate. Do this with the same floss color as the vine, but this time use only 2 strands.

## STEP 6

### Sew on stem & leaves:

To get the swirly vine design in the right place, use the placement & embroidery guide on page 7. And for help transferring this swirl onto your owl, remember to see our "Transfer Methods" webpage: [squishycutedesigns.com/transfer-methods-for-felt/](http://squishycutedesigns.com/transfer-methods-for-felt/)

- Stem stitch the swirly vine
- Brown owl: dark green floss (936) - 4 strands
- Pink owl: sage floss (935) - 4 strands

See photos on upper right

## STEP 7

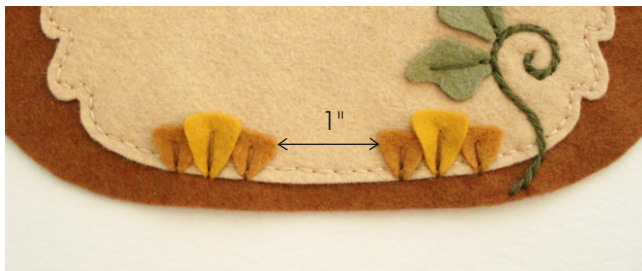
### Sew on the toes:

Place sets of toes about 1" apart as shown on page 7 and photo on next page. Place them so that large middle toe slightly overlaps two smaller toes on either side. Also place them so that the tips are along bottom edge of belly. Stitch them on like you did the leaves, with one long main stitch down center of each toe, and then a smaller stitch at the bottom.

- Brown owl: brown floss (869) - 2 strands
- Pink owl: dark plum floss (3802) - 2 strands



Photo of toes for Step 7:



## STEP 8

### Final embroidery designs:

Using the embroidery guide on page 7, stitch on the final embroidery designs.

#### Fly Stitch on Belly

- Brown owl: light brown floss (167) - 2 strands
- Pink owl: dark pink floss (3722) - 2 strands

#### Fly Stitch on Ears

- Brown owl: tan floss (3828) - 2 strands
- Pink owl: light pink floss (604) - 2 strands

#### Lazy Daisy & French Knot on Forehead

- Brown owl: cream floss (738) - 2 strands
- Pink owl: light pink floss (604) - 2 strands



## STEP 9

### Make ear tufts:

Cut three 7" long pieces of floss. Fold them in half and tie a knot so that you have loops that are about 3/4" long. Now make a second one for the other ear. Set them aside for now.



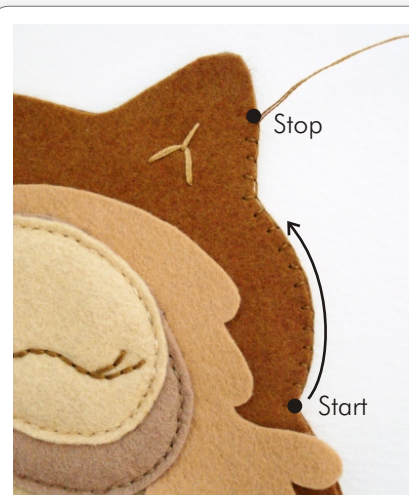
- Brown owl: light brown floss (167) - all 6 strands
- Pink owl: dark pink floss (3722) - all 6 strands

## STEP 10

### Sew owl together:

Put the front and back pieces of the owl together, and begin on the side of the head and sew up towards the ear. See photo below.

- Blanket stitch around edge
- Brown owl: brown floss (869) - 1 strand
- Pink owl: plum floss (3726) - 1 strand

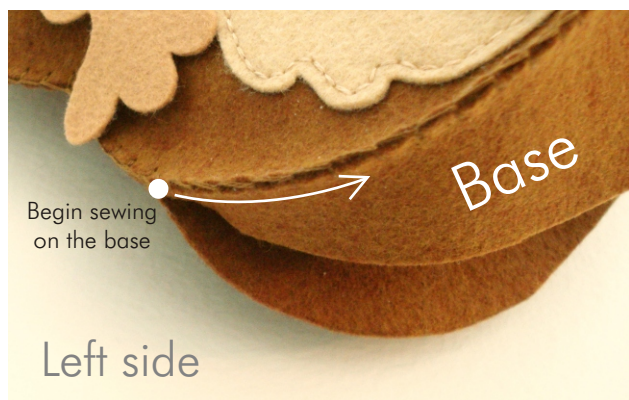


Before you get to the tip of the ear, stop and place one of the tufts between the layers at the tip of the ear. Place it with just the loops sticking out and the knot hidden inside. Once it's in



place, continue sewing around the ear with the blanket stitch. As you sew around the tip, this will secure the loops in place.

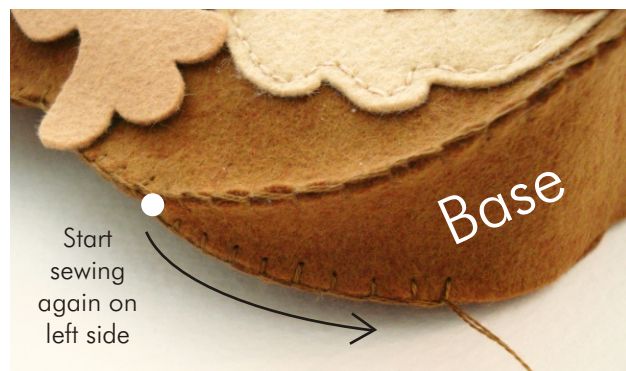
Keep sewing around the head, and repeat this when you get to the second ear. As you approach the other side of the owl, stop and pin the base piece in place along the bottom front side of the owl. Use the "center" marks on the pattern pieces to help you center it. Then curve the base up around the side, so you will know when to begin sewing it on. Start by sewing across the front as shown below.



Keep sewing across the front of the base until you reach the other side, and then knot off your floss. See the photo on the upper right.



Re-thread your floss and start sewing again, back at the other side of the base, this time sewing the base to the back side of the owl.



As you get mid-way around the base, begin stuffing! Make sure you stuff the ears well first. Keep sewing around the base, and keep stuffing. Do this until you get back to your starting point, and knot off your floss.



See next page for finished owl.



# Squishy the Cute Owl is now complete!



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