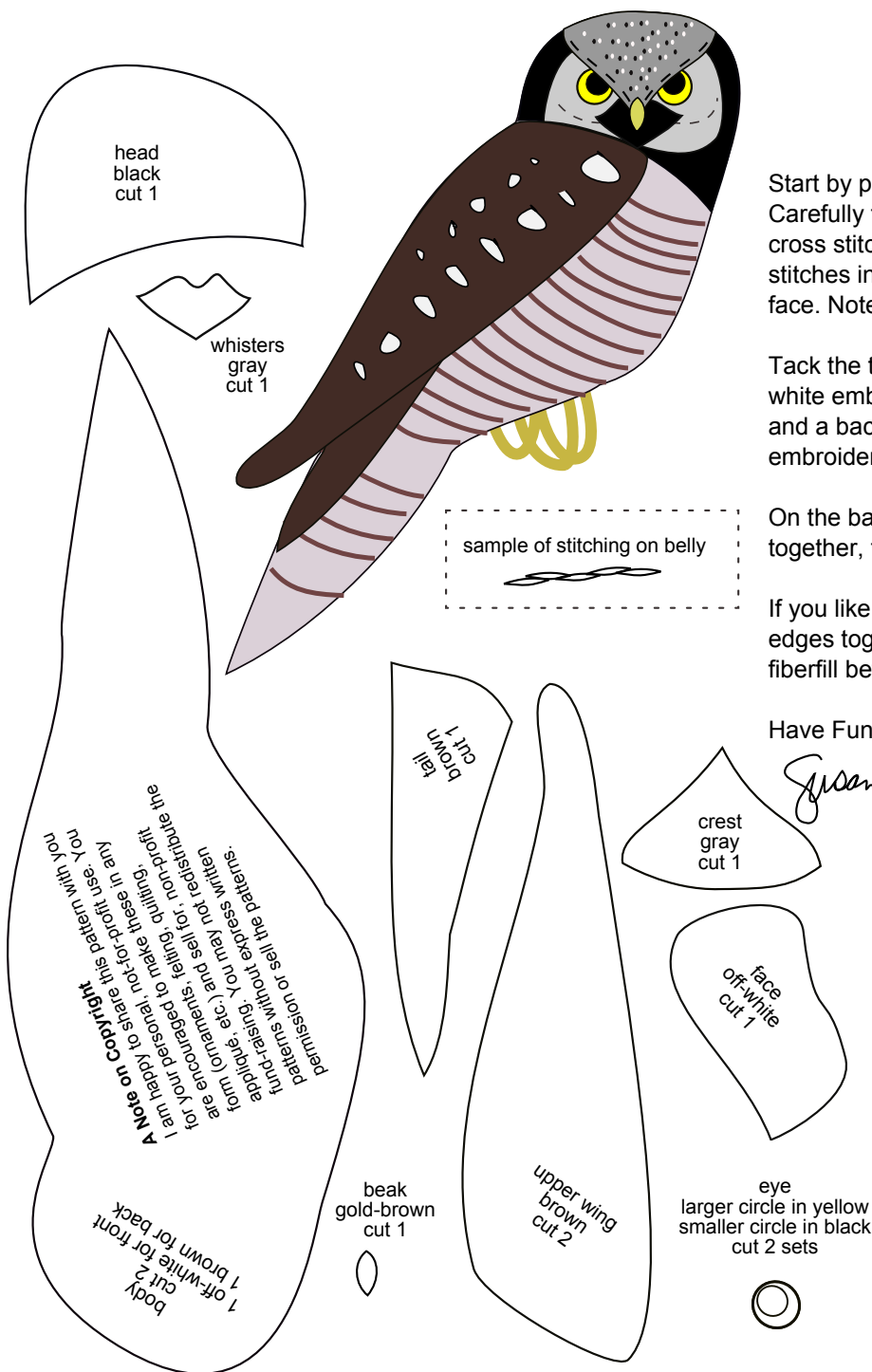


Downeast Thunder Farm Northern Hawk Owl

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Start by placing the head on the off-white body piece followed by the face, whiskers and crest. Carefully tack the layers just to hold them in place. Tuck the eyes underneath the crest; tack with a cross stitch over the black circle using matching floss. Add the decorative stitching to the crest using stitches in both black and white floss. Tack the beak in place and add the decorative stitching to the face. Note: for all of the face stitching, use two strands of embroidery floss.

Tack the tail in place. Position the wing over top and pin. Add laisy daisy stitches using six strands of white embroidery floss for the white spots. For the belly, I used a loose cross between a stem stitch and a back stitch to give the lines a ruffled look (see the example to the left) using six strands of brown embroidery floss.

On the back, add the wing, align the placement up with the front wing so when you sew the two together, they match.

If you like, add wire legs, tacking to the inside body. Pin the body front and back together and sew the edges together with a blanket stitch using three strands of black embroidery floss, pausing to stuff with fiberfill before completing.

Have Fun!
Susan

