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This wise old owl sits next to your sewing machine and holds all your important tools for easy access...Marking tool, seam gauge, a seam ripper (or two), tiny scissors to cut those loose threads, and a fluff brush and tweezers to keep your machine clean and happy. You can even use him as a pin cushion.

What you will need:

Pattern

Fabric

Thread

Pins/Needle

Scissors

Fusible Fleece

Polyfill

Rice

Two Buttons

Embellishments of your liking..how about a bow or a button heart.

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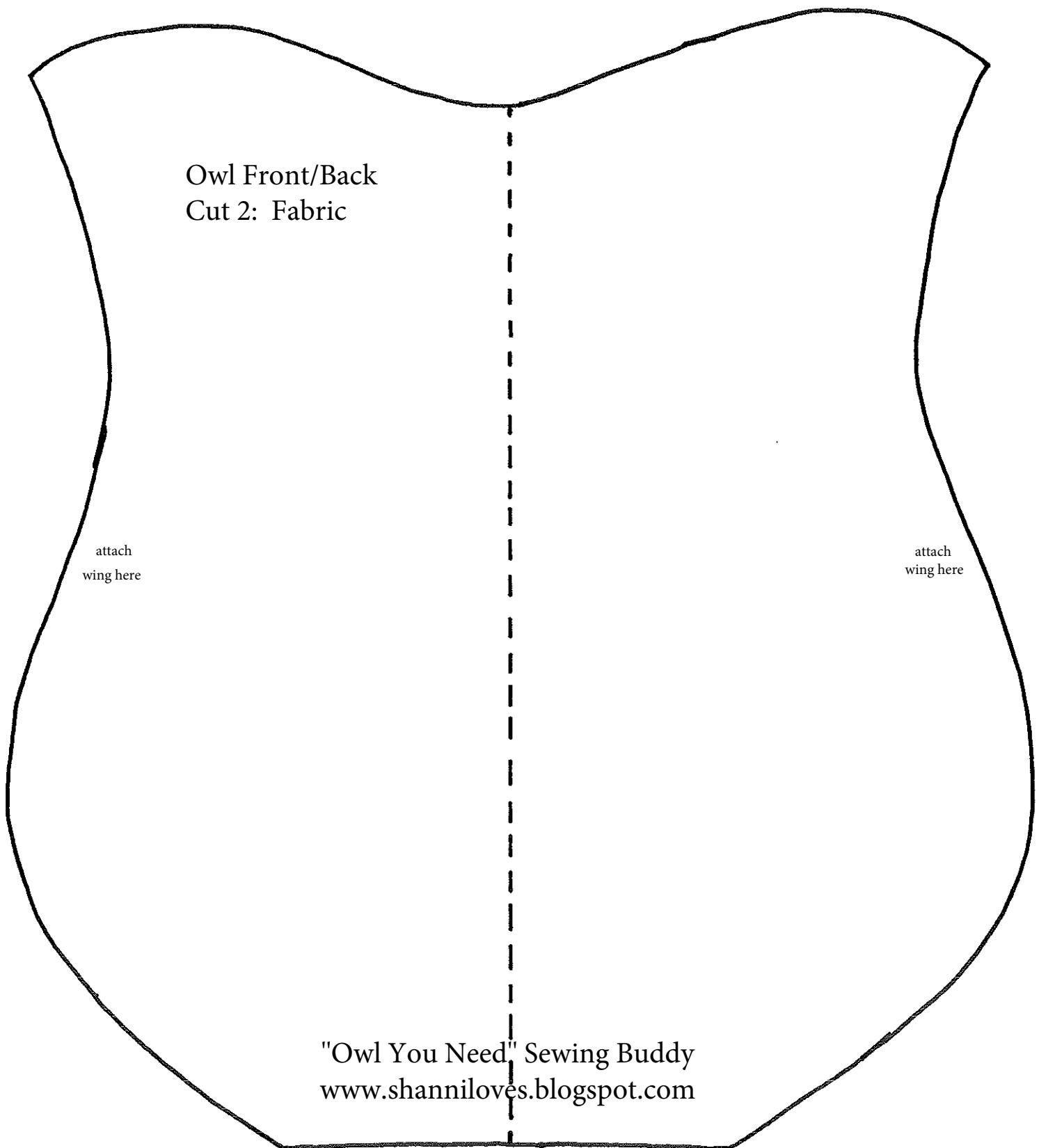
Instructions:

1. Cut out your pattern pieces. ****Note:** Pattern Piece Page 2 - If you would like your owl to have a contrasting belly cut this pattern piece for the front of your owl.
2. Cut out your fabric and fleece pieces. Trim your fleece pieces about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch smaller than your fabric pieces. This is a great way to use fat quarter bundles or fabric scraps.
Iron on your fusible fleece to corresponding pieces.
3. If you're making the contrasting owl pin your contrasting pieces together..belly to head, right sides together. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam. Trim seam and iron seam flat.
4. Take your pocket piece and fold top edge down $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, iron, fold over again, iron. Topstitch in place. I like to use a contrasting thread for the topstitch.
5. Place pocket piece on top of owl front body lining up edges and pin (pocket wrong side will face the right side of owl front body). Find center and topstitch from top of pocket to bottom.

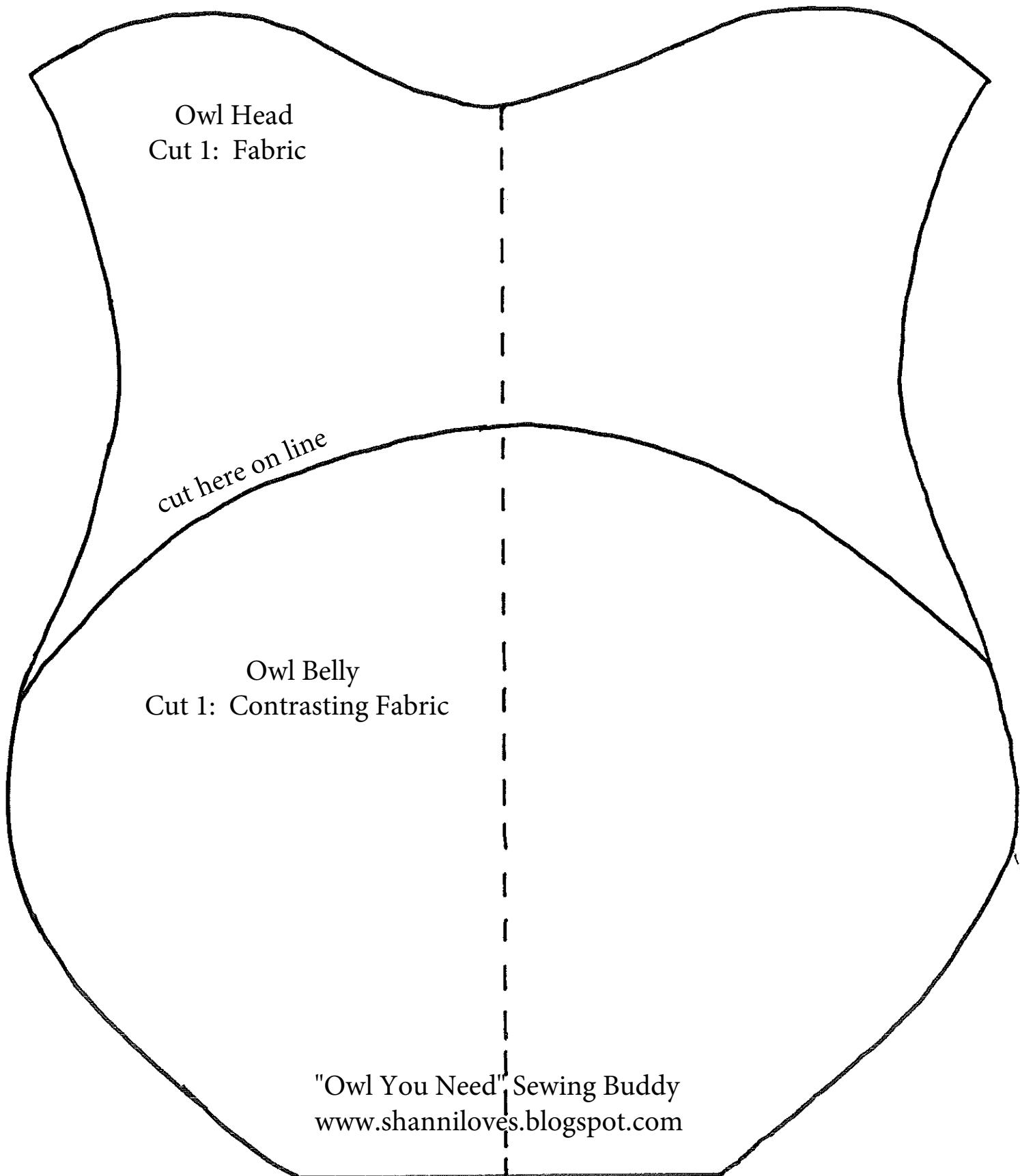
6. Take your two eyeball pieces and place on owl front where you'd like them. Now take your eyelid piece and cut in half. Place eyelid on top of eyeball and pin in place. Zig zag stitch around eyeball and across bottom of eyelid. Zig zagging in a circle can be a little tricky. I found it helps if you use a light weight interface to help stabilize your fabric. Also instead of pinning in place use can use Steam a Seam or fusible web to hold your eyes in place. Your eyes don't have to be perfect. That's what makes your owl unique. Sew your buttons in place on top of eyes.
7. Take two of your wingy ding pieces and pin right sides together. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ inch around edge of wing and make sure to leave end open so you can turn inside out. Trim seam including the end you left open about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, iron, turn inside out. Topstitch wing to create 3 feather look. Repeat for second wingy ding.
8. Place wingy dings on top of front owl body in correct spots lining up edges, then place owl back piece on top with right sides facing. Stitch around owl $\frac{1}{4}$ inch leaving about a 2.5 inch opening at side. Trim seam and iron. Flip right side out and iron.
9. Fill bottom of owl with a little rice just to give it some weight so it will sit upright and not want to fall over...about 1 cup or so. Stuff the rest of your owl with polyfill. Slipstitch opening closed.
10. Take your beak pieces and place right sides together. Stitch around beak $\frac{1}{4}$ inch leaving a small opening at side. Trim seam and iron. Turn right side out, iron and slipstitch opening closed. Now give your owl a nose! He needs to breath! You can either hand sew in place or attach with a glue gun or fabric glue.
11. Now don't forget about your feet! He may decide he's tired of holding your stuff and being poked with pins and want to sneakily scoot away. Place 2 of your feet pieces right sides together. Stitch around feet $\frac{1}{4}$ inch leaving the top open. Trim seam and iron. Turn right side out, iron and slipstitch opening closed. Topstitch to create 3 little toes if your heart so desires. Repeat with the second foot. Attach your feet by hand sewing in place or using a little glue.
12. You are all finished! You can leave your wings floppy or you can hand stitch them in place. I like to make mine look like he is hugging all my sewing gadgets.

Now all those small, easy to lose, hard to find tools have a happy home right next to your sewing machine. I find I spend less time hunting for my seam ripper and more time ripping. 

I would love to see pictures of your "Owl You Need" Sewing Buddy!
Email them to me at shanniloves@yahoo.com



Use this pattern piece if you would like owl to have a big ol' contrasting belly



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Owl Pocket
Cut 1: Fabric

