

Green Hills Quilt Collection

Whooo Loves to Read

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Finished Block: 6" x 6" | Unfinished Block: 6.5" x 6.5"



Paper Piecing and Raw-Edge Applique team up to create this adorable 6" block. The first provides precision and the second allows for creativity, so **Whooo Loves to Read** is both classic and fun. The tracing and cutting feel like an arts-and-crafts project, making this pattern a terrific activity to do with kids.

On top of that, **Whooo Loves to Read** uses shades of gray with a pop of one color and is a fabulous stash-buster.

Embrace the whimsical look of imperfection, give your owl lots of personality, and please tag #TheGreenHillsCollection to share your finished block online so everyone can enjoy seeing it!

MATERIALS	
 Fabric A	(1) 2" x 10" scrap
 Fabric B	(2) 3" x 10" scraps
 Fabric C	(2) 2" x 9" scraps
 Fabric D	(1) 4" x 8" scrap and (2) 4" x 4" scraps
 Fabric E	(1) 3" x 6" scrap
 Fabric F	(1) 2" x 8" scrap
 Fabric G	(1) 5" x 5" scrap
Fusible Interfacing	(1) 8" x 8" square

Print pages 5 and 6 on regular copy paper. Test the scale by measuring the 1" square to be sure it is indeed one inch square.



Create Background

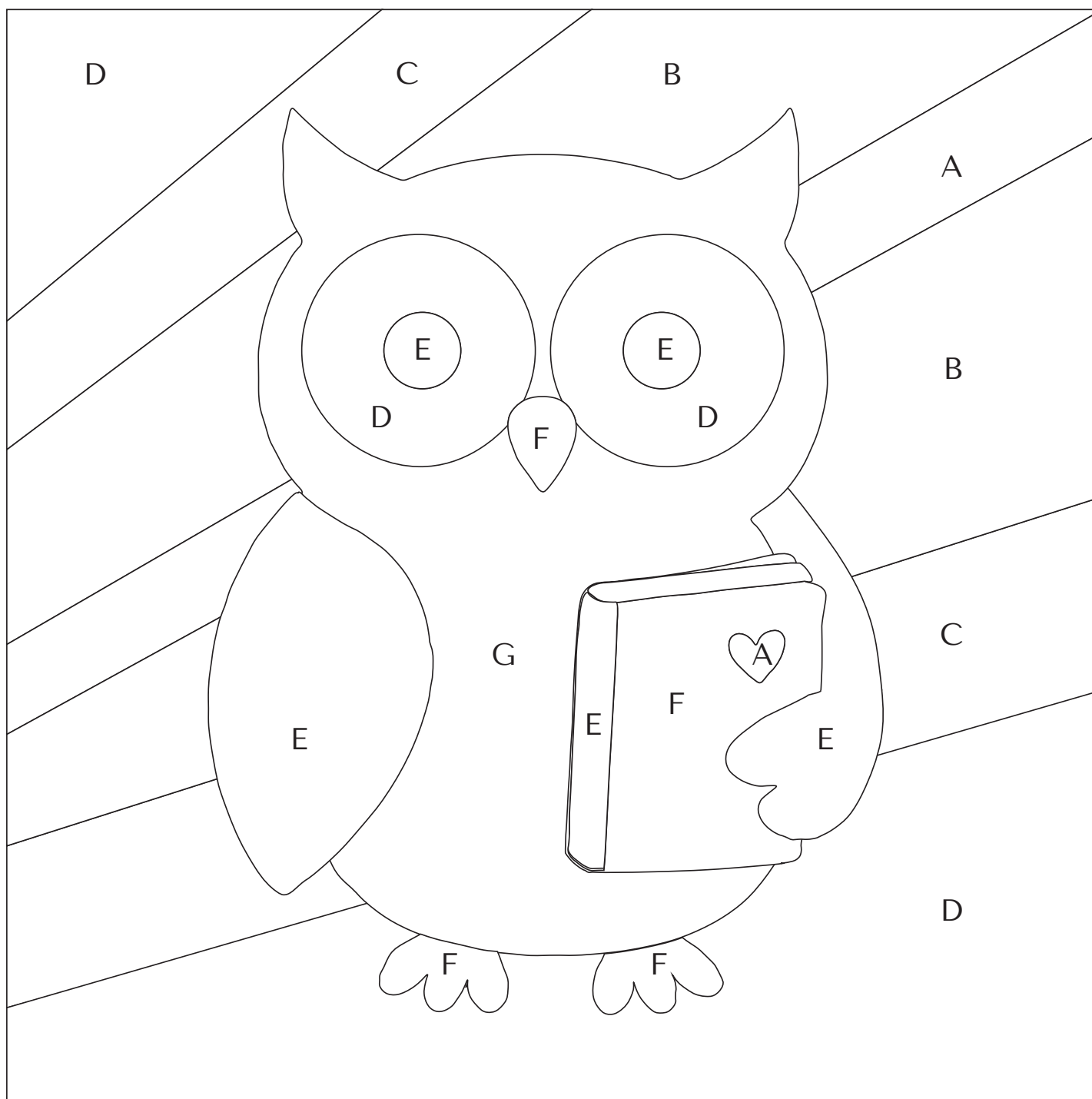
1. Trim Paper-Piecing Foundation Template (page 5) to $\frac{1}{4}$ " outside the black square.
2. Set sewing machine stitch length to ~1.6 to perforate the paper as you sew.
3. Position (1) Fabric C strip and (1) Fabric D strip with right sides together. Lay the unit beneath the foundation square so that Fabric D is against the paper template. The wrong side of Fabric D is against the unprinted side of the paper. Align top fabric edge parallel to Stitch Line #1 and make sure the fabric is at least $\frac{1}{4}$ " inch above the stitch line.
4. Stitch directly on top of Stitch Line #1.
5. Fold the foundation square along the stitch line to trim excess seam allowance $\frac{1}{4}$ " inch from the CD unit.
I like to leave the tails until I trim the entire block after all fabric is sewn onto the foundation.
6. Unfold the paper and press the CD unit open.
7. Check to be sure the fabric strips completely cover the bottom two sections of the foundation square.
8. Position (1) Fabric B strip to the Fabric C strip just sewn. Repeat steps 3–7, smoothing and aligning the fabric to sew along Stitch Line #2.
9. Continue the process to sew all seven background fabrics.
10. Detach paper foundation and discard.
11. Trim unit to $6\frac{1}{2}$ "x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square.
12. Set aside for step 5 below.

Prepare Applique Pieces

1. Iron Fusible Interfacing to the back of remaining fabrics.
2. Cut out applique pieces (page 6).
3. Use each template to create corresponding fabric pieces, matching letters to the correct fabric.
4. Peel backing paper from interfacing.
5. Arrange applique pieces on background unit.
6. Press with hot iron to fuse applique pieces in place.
7. Finish applique by stitching around each piece as desired. Straight stitching, zig-zags, blanket stitches, and hand stitching are popular choices.

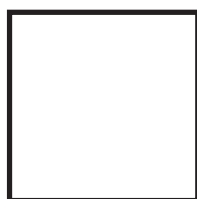
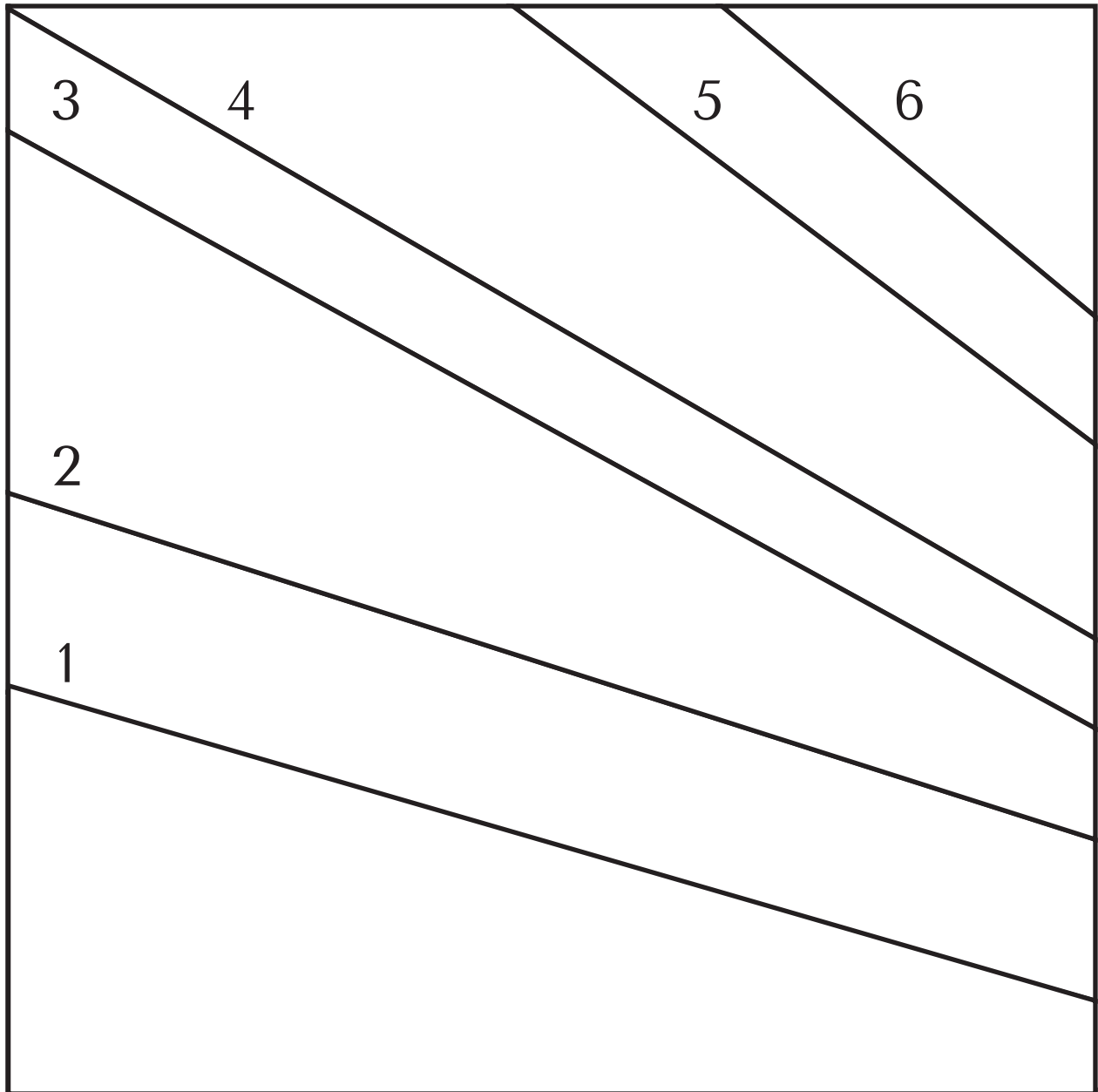


Coloring Page



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Paper-Piecing Foundation Template



1" Square

Applique Templates

