



Cut your main body from a double thickness of fabric, being sure that the edge noted is on the fold of your fabric as noted.



Cut the belly and bottom pieces – I used felt for its texture and thickness, which made the bottom better for making the owl stand upright.



Sew along the open edge of the main body fabric, right sides together. The seam allowance along this edge is $\frac{1}{4}$ ".



Turn the main body right side out. Align the top point of the belly to the seam – it may help to fold the belly piece in half to find the center. Pin it in place through only one layer of the main body. If you sew through both layers, you won't be able to stuff the owl later!



Blanket stitch the belly piece in place – again, only sew through one layer of the main body fabric! You do not have to blanket stitch along the bottom of the belly, as this will be gathered up to make the bottom later.



Fold over the top of the main body as shown and stitch the point down through one layer of the main body fabric. This will make your owl's beak. Now is also a good time to sew on the eyes – I forgot this and had to sew them on at the end, which can be a pain in the butt once the thing is stuffed.



Stuff your owl. I stuffed mine pretty full, and had to fight to keep the stuffing in when I closed up the bottom, but it turned out well that way.



Unfortunately, this picture turned out pretty blurry, but you're going to take your needle and run a basting stitch along the bottom so you can gather it up.



Pull and gather the bottom, stitching through in several places to keep the gather secure. Knot the thread tight and trim the thread – I cut it about ½" away from the knot.



Blanket-stitch the bottom piece over the gathered area, as close to the center of the bottom of the owl as possible. I had to do this a few times on this particular owl – when I stitched it way off of center, the owl stood like it was drunk.



Congratulations, you're done!

Here's the completed owl – notice that it only now has eyes on it, as mentioned earlier. Do yourself a favor and put them on before now!

There are several things I'd change about this, now that I've done it a few times, but the beauty of this is that I was goofing off when I set about making a pattern. There are so many ways to change it up – get creative with your owl. I also intend to try making a rockhopper penguin with this pattern.