Love Owl-Ways

12" x 12" BLOCK

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GETTING STARTED

- Read all instructions before beginning.
- Applique instructions are for fusible web and have been drawn in reverse.
- If you choose to applique using a different method, add seam allowances.
- Choose your favorite fusible web, and follow the manufacturer's directions.
- Have fun and enjoy creating this quilt block.

MATERIALS

12" x 12"
Fat Quarter of Light Blue Fabric (background)
Various Size Scraps of Pink, Green, Brown, Yellow, Black, Cream, and Gray Fabrics (applique)

Finished Block

QUILT BLOCK

Block size unfinished 12 ½" W x 12 ½" H, with seam allowance.
Block size finished 12" W x 12" H.

PREPARING THE BACKGROUND

1.) From a fat quarter, cut a 12 ½" x 12 ½" background piece for the block backing.

Helpful Tip

Excessive handling of the quilt block may cause the outside edge to fray. To limit fraying, stay stitch around the edge of the block. To do this, set your stitch length to 1.5 and sew around the perimeter of the quilt ⅛" from the raw edge. You may also choose to cut your background block 13" x 13" and then trim to the unfinished size of 12 ½" x 12 ½" once the block is assembled.

PREPARING THE APPLIQUE

1.) Trace all parts of the applique design onto the paper side of the fusible web. Trace each piece seperately. Wherever two shapes in the design butt together, you may want to extend the outline on the bottom layer piece by ⅛" to prevent any visible gaps.

2.) Cut around the applique shapes leaving approximately ¼" around each piece.

3.) Following the manufacturers directions, iron the fusible web applique pieces to the wrong side of the appropriate fabrics.

4.) Cut on the traced line of the applique pieces. Once trimmed, peel off the paper backing from the fusible web. A thin layer of fusible material will remain on the fabric for attaching the applique pieces to the backgground.

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JOINING APPLIQUE PIECES

1.) Fuse the applique pieces on to the background in layers. Start with the bottom layer and work your way to the top. Applique pieces should be fused in the following order:

1. Fuse tree limb (Piece A)
2. Fuse male owl feet (Pieces B)
3. Fuse male owl body (Piece C)
4. Fuse male owl chest (Piece D)
5. Fuse male owl beak (Piece E)
6. Fuse male owl eye mask (Piece F)
7. Fuse male owl eye back (Pieces G & H)
8. Fuse male owl eye front (Piece I & J)
9. Fuse female owl feet (Pieces K)
10. Fuse female owl body (Piece L)
11. Fuse female owl chest (Piece M)
12. Fuse female owl eye mask (Piece N)
13. Fuse famale owl beak (Piece O)
14. Fuse female owl eye back (Piece P & Q)
15. Fuse female owl eye front (Piece R & S)
16. Fuse back leaf (Piece T)
17. Fuse front leaf (Piece U)

2.) Machine stitch around the applique pieces using a satin, zig-zag, blanket stitch, or other stitch of choice.

3.) Stitch in owl wing lines and leaf stem lines. Feel free to embellish the owls with any additional stictch lines for added detail.

Helpful Tip

Before ironing any fusible piece, you should do a dry run to make sure all of the pieces fit together nicely and fit appropriately on the background. Layout the applique pieces and make any necessary adjustments.

FINISHING QUILT BLOCK

The quilt block is finished and should measure 12 ½" x 12 ½".

You may create multiple blocks and join them to a quilt or finish the block as a stand alone piece. To finish as a stand alone piece:

1.) Cut a piece of batting and backing 3" - 4" larger than the block.
2.) Layer the backing, batting and quilt block and quilt as desired.
3.) Bind the quilt block using the binding method of your choice.

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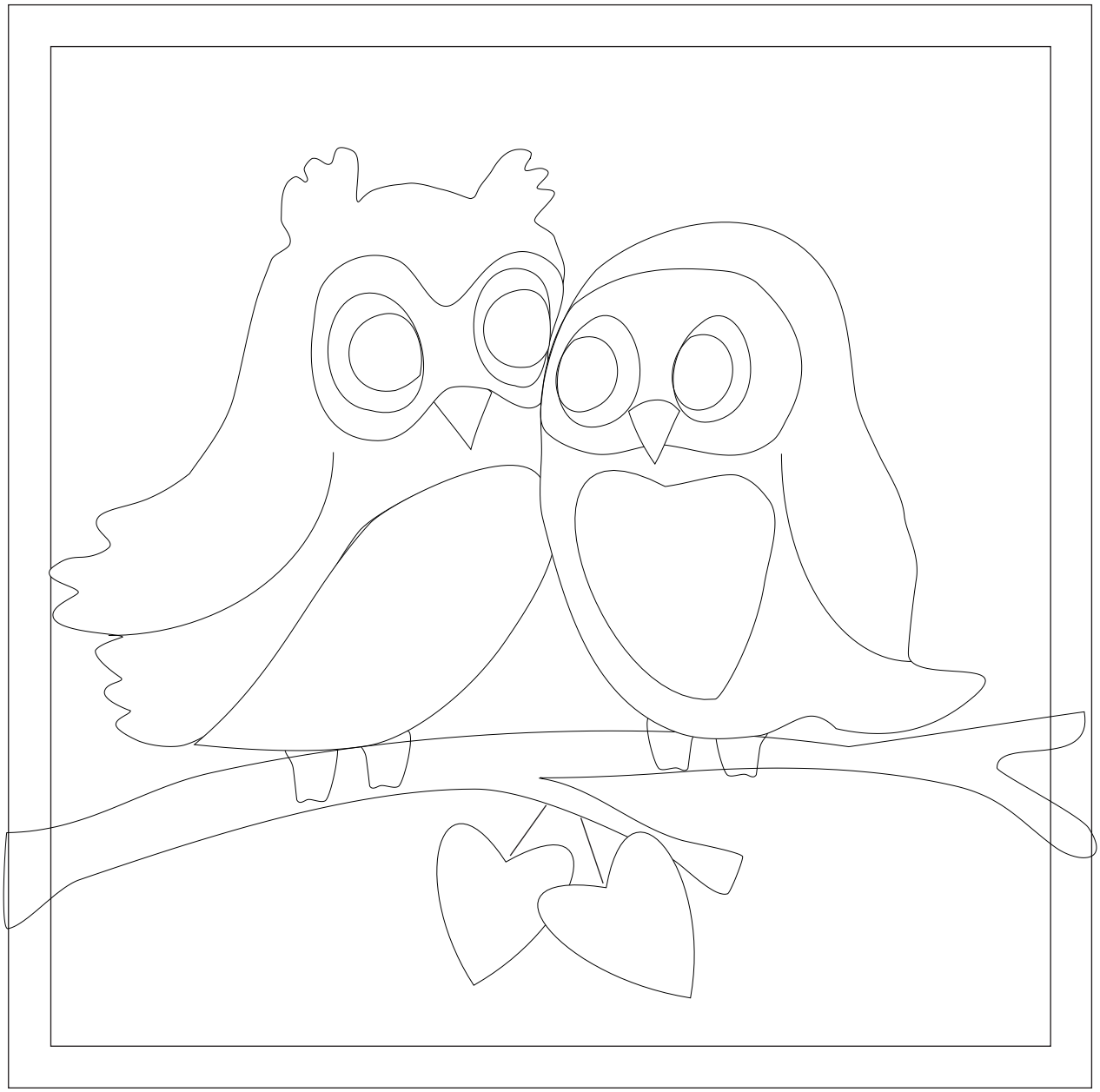
APPLIQUE LAYOUT (not full size)



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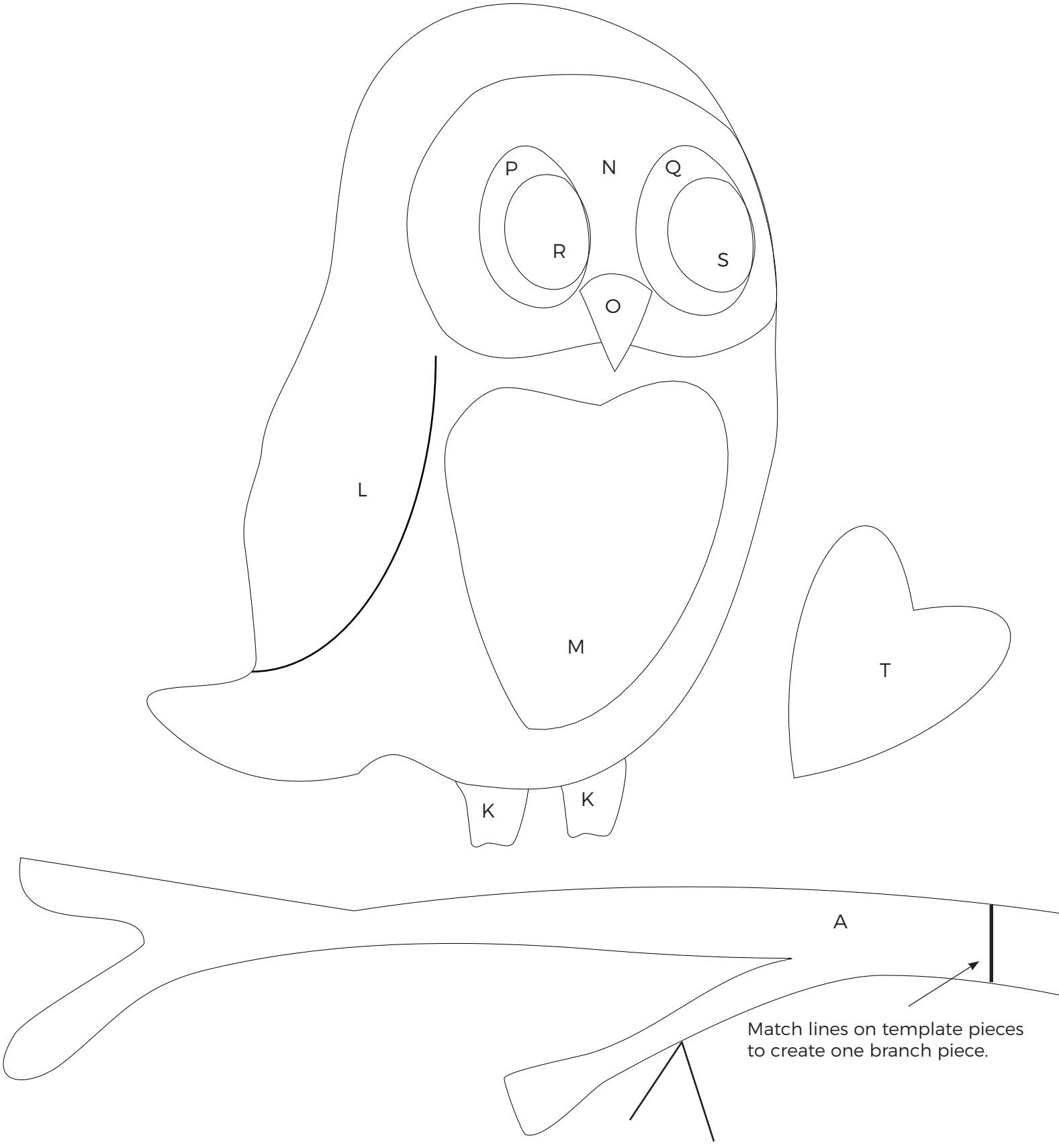
APPLIQUE TEMPLATES (drawn in reverse)



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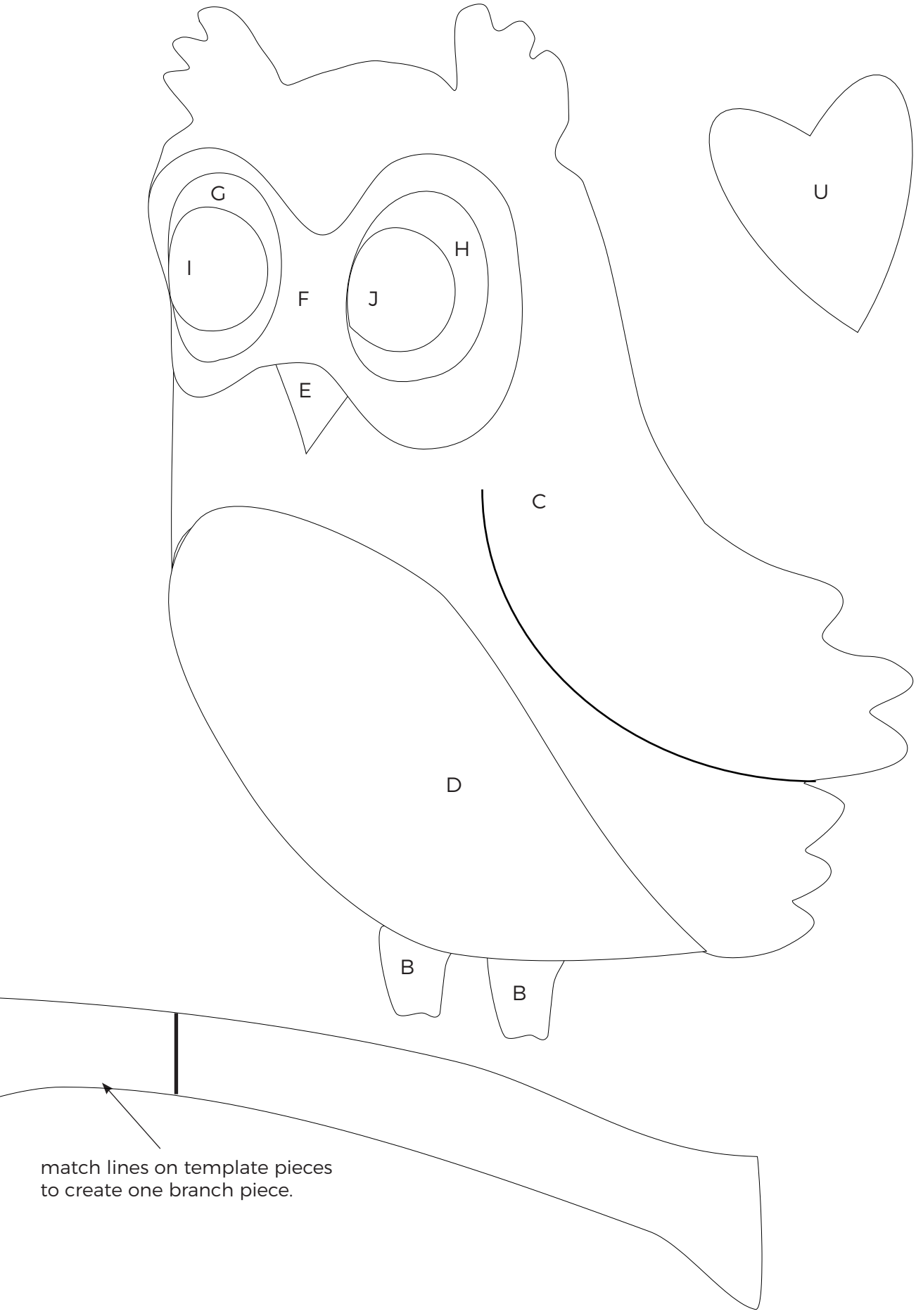

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