

Pilotpen Owl Instructions

Owls in flight on a moonlit night are easy to make using our patterns plus our versatile gold & silver markers, card, and strips of clear acetate (the secret that creates the fancy flight manoeuvres)! These owls make great window ornaments or party decorations. Magic!

If you are looking to make a mini project, then we've got a selection of owl fridge magnets for you - quick and easy to make.

You will need

- For the owls you need:
- Pilot Super Color Markers Silver (Fine, Extra Fine)
- Pilot Super Color Marker Gold (Fine)
- Pilot Fineliner (Black) or DR Drawing Pen (Black)
- Pilot Hi- Lighter (Yellow)
- Off-white card
- Brown card
- Dry glue stick
- PVA glue; cocktail stick
- Scissors

For window hangers you need:

- Self-adhesive sticky pads (Sticky Fixers)
- A self-adhesive mailing label
- One A4 sheet of medium-weight clear acetate (this product is used for overhead projectors and is available from art supply shops)
- Masking tape or a grease pencil
- A ruler

For the fridge magnets you need:

- Magnets or magnetic strip (available from craft shops)

General Instructions: Owls

1 Trace - or photocopy - the owl pattern onto off-white card (parchment card gives a nice dappled effect). Colour in the irises of the eyes with a yellow Pilot Hi-Lighter. Let the ink dry.

2 Draw the eyes and colour in the pupils, also outline the beak and face with Pilot Fineliner (Black) or DR Drawing Pen (Black). Also draw the scroll and the owl's claws (on the scroll top) with the same pen.

(Note: if making a brown owl, draw the face and scroll onto off-white card. Cut these out and glue them in place on the brown owl. Use dry glue stick.)

3 Using the Pilot silver marker (extra-fine), outline the crescent-shaped feather markings on the owl's wings, chest and tail. Colour these in using a Pilot silver marker (fine). Let the ink dry. (If colouring a photocopy, the silver marker will cover the black outlines without show-through.)

4 Outline the owl's wings, legs, body and tail using the fine Pilot Fineliner (Black) or DR Drawing Pen (Black). When the ink is dry, cut the owl out.

Owl window hanging

1 Make a full-wingspan owl as directed, above. Also make a "topper" for the hanger - choose from an owl silhouetted against the moon or a smaller-sized owl. Colour in the moon with gold marker. Cut out the topper.

2 Next, cut a 2cm-wide strip of clear acetate, the length of the A4 sheet. To mark the strip on the acetate, you can either place a strip of masking tape as a cutting guide or draw the line with a

grease pencil. Cut out the acetate strip with scissors, cutting inside the marked line. (If you used a grease pencil, wipe away any stray marks with a tissue.

3 Cover opposite tips of the acetate strip with pieces of self-adhesive mailing label, cut to fit (about 2.5 cm deep by the width of the strip). The paper mailing label provides a good gluing surface. **IMPORTANT BIT:** glue a piece of mailing label onto either side of the clear plastic strip; one on the "front" and another on the "back".

4 Glue one mailing label-covered tip of the acetate strip under the topper -at 12 noon position, strip pointing upwards - using PVA glue applied with a cocktail stick. Fix a sticky pad at the centre back (horizontally) of the topper.

5 Glue the opposite mailing-label side of the acetate strip under the body of the big owl. Let the glue dry.

6 Fix the owl onto the window or window frame using the self-adhesive sticky tab. (Alternatively, use some Blu Tack fixing putty - this is a better idea for walls.) Bend the large owl over so it faces front and it will "boing" in flight!

Now try this:

Make a formation of owls in flight! Make three or more owls of decreasing graduated sizes and link them one under the other using short strips of acetate. To make the smaller owls, reduce them on a photocopier - try 80% and 60% in addition to the full-size owl.

Fridge Magnets

Trace the owls onto card and colour them in following the general instructions. Cut them out with scissors. Fix a fridge magnet onto the back. You can either glue on a metal magnet using PVA glue, or cut a piece of self-adhesive magnetic strip to use.

You can make multi-coloured collage fridge magnets by using paper cut-outs to make up the finished owl.

Further ideas:

- Treat bags: glue an owl onto the front of a paper shopping bag.
- Party bunting: join several wingspan owls wing-tip to wingtip, forming a side-to-side chain. (Staple together for quick results.)
- Use the fridge magnet owls as place cards. Write the guest's name on the owl's scroll. Glue on a V-shaped paper strut to the back of the owl so that it can stand up on its own.

