

Adaptations are a Hoot: Build Your Owl

What's the Hoot on Kentucky's Owls

- There are 4 species of owls that live in Kentucky year round
 - Eastern Screech Owl (*Megascops asio*)
 - Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*)
 - Barred Owl (*Strix varia*)
 - Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*)
- Owls are protected under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- All of Kentucky's owls are cavity nesters
- Owls can turn their heads 270 degrees to the left and to the right

What can you do to help?

- Join KY WILD at fw.ky.gov/kywild
- Build an owl nest box
- Minimize habitat disturbance



Build Your Own Owl

Help! This owl is missing the adaptations it needs to survive in the wild. Cut and paste the correct features onto your naked owl to help it thrive as a nocturnal bird of prey.



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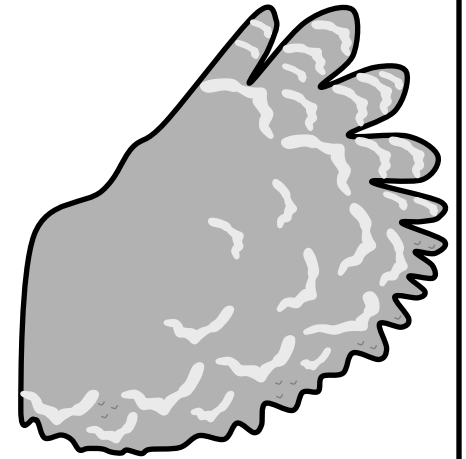
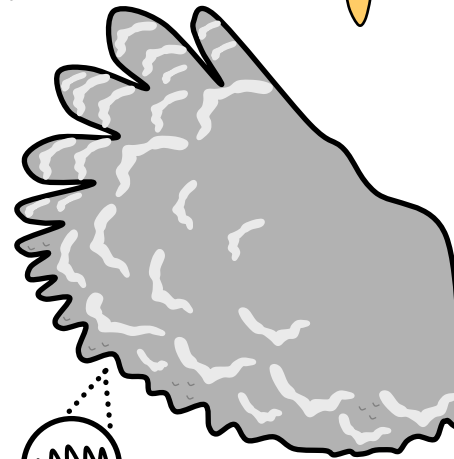
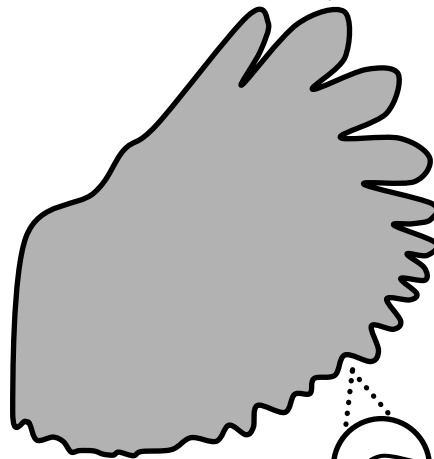
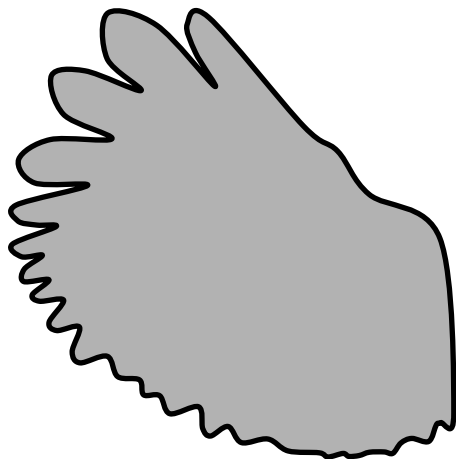
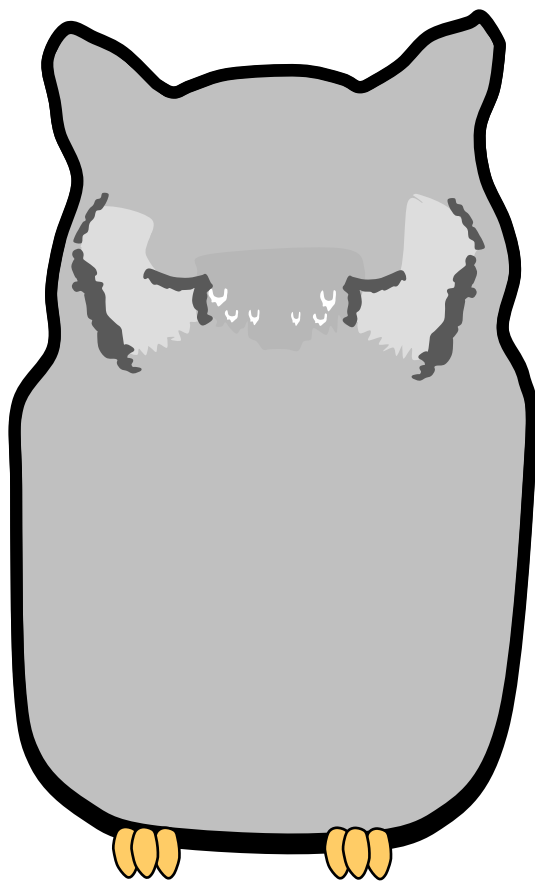


Materials

1. Scissors
2. Glue Stick

Instructions

1. First, Choose the correct body coloration. Does your owl need solid coloring or camouflage?
2. Next, choose the owl's eyes! Does your nocturnal bird need large or small eyes?
3. Lastly, Pick the owl's wings. Does it need wing feathers with or without comb-like edges?



Smooth Edge



Comb-like Edge