

The Big Poppy Knit 2014

Here are two different knitted poppy patterns and two to crochet.

Knitted Poppies

For the best finish, knit with a Double Knit (DK yarn). The size of needle you choose will determine how big the poppy will be, but we recommend 3.5mm or 3.75mm (UK9).

If you have different yarn left in your stash, just use that and the appropriate needle size.

If you have any problems with any of the techniques in the poppy patterns - and you have access to the internet - you will find lots of tutorial videos on youtube.

1. Easy garter/knit stitch pattern for beginners

Colour A Red (one ball will make a lot of poppies!)

Colour B Scrap of Black or a black button

Body of Poppy

Using Col A cast on 120 stitches.

Rows 1-4 Knit

Row 5 Knit 3 stitches together across the row(40 stitches)

Rows 6-9 Knit

Row 10 Knit 2 stitches together across the row(20 stitches)

Rows 11-14 Knit

Row 15 Knit 2 stitches together across the row(10 stitches)

Cut yarn leaving a tail of about 20cm

Thread tail through yarn needle and slip all the remaining live stitches onto the yarn tail and pull tight. Pull around into a circle and then mattress stitch (or use whatever stitching you normally use) to seam for an invisible seam. Sew in ends.

Centre of Poppy

Using B, cast on 16 sts. Cast off. Coil into a tight spiral and sew base to the centre.

Or use a black or green button with 4 holes and sew to centre of poppy. Add pin.

You can send or bring your finished poppies to:

BBC Radio Nottingham

London Road

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All poppies will be donated to the Poppy Appeal – deadline 22nd October 2014

2. Easy ribbed poppy pattern

Colour A 1 ball red yarn (this will make a lot of poppies)

Colour B Scrap of black yarn or black button

Body of Poppy

Using Col A Cast on 60 stitches

Row s1 –10 : K2, P2 across whole row(for a slightly smaller poppy do 8 rows of rib).

Row 11 : Knit 2 stitches together across the row (30 stitches).

Row 12 : Slip 1 stitch, Knit 2 stitches together then pass the slip stitch over... repeat across the whole row (10 stitches).

Break off yarn with long tail and thread back through remaining stitches and pull tight.

Join edges with mattress stitch

Centre of Poppy

Using B, cast on 16 sts. Cast off. Coil into a tight spiral and sew base to the centre.

Or use a black or green button with 4 holes and sew to centre of poppy. Add pin.

Crocheted Poppies

You will need some red wool and a black button.

Patterns

1. Three petal crochet poppy with 4.5mm hook

Ch 3, join with slst to form circle.

Ch 3, work 9 dc into the centre of the circle and join with slst.

Work the three petals separately.

Petal 1.

Ch 3, work 1st dc into same st, work 2 dc into each of the next 3 sts.

ch 1 work 2 sc into each st, tie off.

Petal 2.

work 2 dc into last dc of previous petal, work 2 dc into each of the next 3 sts.

ch 1 work 2 sc into each st, tie off.

Work petal 3 as 2.

Sew all ends in and attach button in the centre. Add pin

2. Two petal crochet poppy

Rnd 1: With 3mm hook and wool, ch2. Make 10dc in 2nd ch from hook. Join with a slst in 1st dc. (10sts)

Rnd 2: *ch1 dc ch1 2tr in next st, 3tr in next st, 2tr ch1 dc in next st, slst in next 2sts. rep from * once again.

Rnd 3: *ch1 3dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next 5sts, 3dc in next 2 sts,slst in next 2sts. rep from * once again. Fasten off.

Attach button in the centre. Add pin.

Stitch explanation

ch = chain

dc = double crochet

htr = half treble crochet

r = row

st(s) = stitch (es)

rep=repeat

rnd=round

slst = slip stitch

tr = treble crochet