

Knit a Poppy



This year we are encouraging people to help us by knitting poppies which we will use to raise funds to support The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

These poppies are very quick and easy to knit and do not need very much wool. Preferably use double knitting wool with 4mm (size 8) needles.

Abbreviations

K = knit

Sl 1 = slip one stitch

(RS) = right side

K2tog = knit two stitches together

KFB = increase by knitting forward and back into stitch
pssso = pass slip stitch over

Poppy petals (knit 5)

Using red or white wool, cast on 5 stitches.

- Row 1: (RS) K
- Row 2: KFB, K to last 2 stitches, KFB, K1 (7 stitches)
- Row 3: As Row 2 (9 stitches)
- Row 4: As Row 2 (11 stitches)
- Row 5: K
- Row 6: K
- Row 7: K
- Row 8: K
- Row 9: Sl 1, K2tog, pssso, K to last 4 stitches, K2tog twice (7 stitches)
- Row 10: K
- Row 11: K
- Row 12: K
- Row 13: As Row 9 (3 stitches)
- Row 14: Cast off, leaving a long strand of wool.

Centre of poppy (knit 1)

Using black wool, cast on 16 stitches. Cast off.

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Leaf (knit 1)

Using green wool, cast on 4 stitches.

- Row 1: (RS) K
Row 2: KFB, K to last stitch, KFB (6 stitches)
Row 3: K
Row 4: As Row 2 (8 stitches)
Row 5: K
Row 6: K
Row 7: K
Row 8: K
Row 9: K2tog, K to last 2 stitches, K2tog (6 stitches)
Row 10: K
Row 11: As Row 9 (4 stitches)
Row 12: K
Row 13: As Row 9 (2 stitches)
Row 14: Cast off leaving a long strand of wool.

Sewing together

Petals

Weave in the wool strand at the top of each petal; assemble all five petals into a circle – overlapping the petals as you go.

Using the lower strands of wool, sew the petals firmly together.

Centre of poppy

Coil the black centre into a circle and sew into the centre of the petals.

Leaf

Weave in the wool strand at the top of the leaf.

Place on the back of petals, just so you can see it above the petals, and sew onto the petals with the lower strand of wool.

Finishing off

At this point you can either:

- sew a safety pin on to the back, making the poppy into a brooch, or,
- fix any remaining strands of wool to a piece of thin garden wire (about 4 - 6 inches) and then bind the wire with green wool to make it into the stem of a flower.

Raising funds

Please bring your completed poppies back to us and we will then use them to raise funds for the appeal.

