

How to crochet a Remembrance Day Poppy

What you need:

- Red, black and green DK yarn (double knitting wool)
- 4mm hook
- Sewing needle
- Scissors

Key:

- **Ch** - Chain
- **Ss** - Slip stitch
- **Dc** - double crochets
- **Tr** - Treble crochets
- **Dtr** - Double treble crochets
- **Blo** - Back loops only

For the petals

1. Make a foundation round. Using red yarn, make a slip knot and chain (**Ch**) 4. Make a ring by joining with a slip stitch (**ss**) to the first **Ch**.
2. Round 1: **Ch** 1 and make 10 double crochets (**dc**) into the ring. **Ss** to the first **Dc** to close the round.
3. Round 2: **Ch** 2. Make 2 treble crochets (**tr**) into each of the next two stitches. Make 3 double treble crochets (**Dtr**) into the next stitch, then make 2 **Tr** into the next stitch. **Ch** 2 and **Ss** into the next stith. **Ch** 2, make 3 **Tr** in the next stitch, 2tr in the next stitch, 3 **Dtr** in the next stitch and 3tr in the next stitch, **Ch** 2 and **Ss** into the final stitch to finish the round.
4. Round 3: **Ch** 2. Skip **Ch** 2 from previous round and make one **Dc** in each stitch. Skip **Ch** 2 from previous round. **Ch** 2 and **ss** into the **Dc** from round 1. Skip the **Ch** 2 and make one **Dc** in each stitch around, Skip **Ch** 2 from previous round, **Ch** 2 and slip stitch into the **Dc** from round one to finish the round.
5. Round 4: Chain 3. Skip chain 2 from previous round, then working into the BACK LOOPS ONLY (**Blo**), make 1dc in each stitch around. Skip **Ch** 2. **Ch** 3 and slip stitch in **Dc** from round one. (You may need to pull the loop up to the working height to make the stitch.). **Ch** 3, skip **Ch** 2 from previous round and work 1 **Blo Dc** in each stitch around. Skip chain 2. **Ch** 3 and **Ss** into **Dc** from round one to complete the round. **Ch** 1, snip yarn and pull tail through.

Weave in both ends on the wrong side.

For the centre

1. Using black yarn, make a magic circle. **Ch** 1 and make 10 **Dc** into the ring. Pull to close the centre hole and join with a **Ss** to the first **Dc**.
2. **Ch** 1 snip yarn and pull tail through to finish off. Weave in the finishing end and use the centre tail to secure the centre onto the poppy. Check placement of centre as you work to make sure happy with its position.

For the leaf

1. Using green yarn, make a slip knot and **Ch** 10.
2. Make 3tr into the 3rd **Ch** from the hook; make 1 **Tr** in each of the next 3 stitches; make one half treble crochet (**htr**) into each of the next two stitches; make 1 **Dc** into next stitch and **ss** into the last stitch of the initial chain.
3. Make the pointy tip by **Ch** 2 then **Ss** back into the stitch at the base of the **Ch** 2.
4. Now work on the underside of the initial chain to make the other side of the leaf as follows: 1dc in next stitch; 1htr in each of the next two stitches; 1 **Tr** in each of the next three stitches and 3tr into the last stitch. Join with a **Ss** to the top of the first **Tr**. **Ch** 1, snip yarn and pull through to finish off.

Weave in the yarn tail at the pointy end of the leaf. Use the other yarn tail to secure your leaf onto the poppy, checking the placement on the right side periodically as you work to ensure you are happy with the placement.

If desired, can sew or glue a badge pin on the wrong side.