

# Monmouth 5000 Challenge - Knitted/crochet poppies

Here are two different knitted poppy patterns and two to crochet

## Knitted poppies

For the best result, knit with a Double Knit (DK yarn). The size of needle you choose will determine how big the poppy will be, recommend is 3.4 or 3.75 mm (UK9).

### 1 Easy garter/knit stitch pattern

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 20 cm.

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.

### 2 Easy ribbed poppy pattern

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 60 stitches.

Rows 1 – 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.

# Crocheted poppies

You will need some red wool and a black button

## 1 Three petal crochet poppy with a 4.5 mm hook

### Body of poppy

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### Centre of Poppy

Attach button in the centre

## 2 Two petal crochet poppy

### Body of poppy

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

Rnd 2 \*ch 1 dc ch1 2tr in next st, 3tr in next st, 2tr ch 1 dc in next st, slst in next 2 sts rep from \* once again

Rnd 3 \*ch 1 3dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next 5 sts, 3 dc in next 2 sts, slst in next 2 sts, rep from \*once again. Fasten off

### Centre of Poppy

Attach button in the centre

Stitch explanation

Ch = chain

Dc = double crochet

Htr – half double crochet

R = row

Tr – treble crochet

st(s) = stitch(es)

rep = repeat

rnd = round

slst – slip stitch

A copy of this pattern is available in larger font if required from either The Shire Hall or Monmouth Museum.

Completed poppies should be sent or brought to either The Shire Hall or Monmouth Museum by 22 October 2018.

