

Knitted versions:

A. Double Knitting yarn and pair of 3.75mm or UK no.9 needles. Tension not crucial. Use mainly **red** wool.

Cast on 72 sts. Knit 4 rows.

Next row K.2tog to end (36 sts)

Knit 4 rows. Next row K.2tog to end (18 sts)

Next row *slip 1, k.2tog, pssso* to end (& original pattern said k2tog again but you shouldn't have 2 spare sts)

Cut yarn about 10cm from last stitch. With a tapestry or darning needle thread yarn through sts and gather, then sew short ends together as flower shape. For centre, try: a black button; a circle of black felt; rows 1-3 of the crocheted version; or your own sewing.

B. Easy ribbed poppy pattern

Red Body of Poppy: 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

Black Centre of Poppy : Cast on 16 sts. Cast off. Coil into a tight spiral and sew base to the centre. Or use a black or green button, sewn in centre.

C. Easy- Knit Poppy Use 4 mm knitting needles and red DK.

Cast on 10 stitches

*Knit 40 rows or until it measures 10 cm

Cast off 8 stitches, knit 2

Knit 2, cast on 8 (4) stitches*

Repeat from * to *

Knit 40 rows or 10 cm as above

Cast all stitches off (thus you have 3 segments/petals connected along one edge.

Gather the flower at the continuous edge and add a black button in the centre



Crocheted versions

A. DK yarn in red +black 3mm crochet-hook.

1. Using red or white: 4 chain, join into ring with slip stitch.

2. Chain 1, then 5 double crochet into the ring, [sl.st](#) to the initial ch.

3. Chain 1, then *1 dc into next dc, 2 dc into the following dc*.

Repeat from * to * until you reach starting ch, and join with a sl.st.into it.

4. Chain 1 and work as row 3.

5. Chain 1, then *1 dc into next dc, 2 dc into the following dc, 2 dc into the one after that*. Repeat until you reach starting ch and join with [sl.st](#) as in row 3.

6. Chain 1, then work 2 dc into each DC around the row. Join to starting ch with [sl.st](#) as before, and fasten off.

For the centre - using black yarn work rows 1-3 and tie off leaving enough yarn to sew into centre of flower. Alternatively, start poppy in black and switch to colour after row 3.

B. Easy Poppy – Chunky-Quick. *If you go wrong - improvise!*

Use 7mm needle and chunky or Aran yarn.

*Magic ring or one loop. 7 single crochet into loop. Join up.

Two double crochets into each stitch. Join up. **Two chain into first stitch with 6 triples. Anchor these into same stitch with single crochet. Single crochet into next stitch. Single crochet into next stitch and repeat from ** until five or six petals made. Sew in.

Black middle: 3.5mm hook and DK yarn. Crochet from * to **.

Sew into poppy centre. Add ties at back.

C. Two petal crochet poppy

Round 1:

With 3mm hook and wool, ch2. Make 10dc in 2nd ch from hook.

Join with a slst in 1st dc. (10sts)

Round 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.

Round 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.

Stitch

When you drop off poppies, if at all possible, pack them in a clear plastic bag. Inside put a piece of paper with your name and some contact details [for Track and Trace] All data will be destroyed after 30/11/2021 .

We'd appreciate any personal connections and memories you have.

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For Remembrance Day, November, 2021

How many 8cm/3" diameter red poppies can you knit/ crochet?

People from Waterbeach, Landbeach and beyond wish to honour the Centenaries of our War Memorials and all that they represent. Can you help us make knitted or crochet poppies to display as a special backdrop, and to honour the tradition. The installation will move to Landbeach for Nov 2022; it may travel further...

Your poppies need to have tape/ribbon/double thread fixed to back to tie them to netting? Button or stitch in the middle; add leaves if you wish. All levels of skill (or none) welcome!



Use the patterns here – **or research your own patterns and yarn online.** Use up any red DK or chunky yarn you have – or ask us! Contact Angela: angelastoryteller@gmail.com; Jane: 07740282387 <https://stjohns-waterbeach.org.uk/> - see also Link to Facebook. Drop off your poppies safely in the special basket inside the porch of St John's Church, Waterbeach, from March 28th, or contact 07884465648. These Phase One poppies will be the foundation of the project but you can join in Phases Two and Three as well! Look out for Updates. ***Please ask friends and family to join us!***