Remembrance Day Poppies

Patterns to help us make 3000 crochet and knitted poppies for a Remembrance Day.

Pattern 1

'LYNN'S EASY CROCHET PATTERN'

This pattern gives a full crochet poppy using only one size stitch, and is an easy pattern for beginners.

Size 3.5 crochet hook (we want the finished flower to be quite tight).

Col A 1 ball red 8 ply yarn (one ball will make a number of poppies)

Col B Scrap of green 8 ply yarn

Col C Scrap of black 8 ply yarn (eyelash yarn looks great)

POPPY BODY

Using Col A make a slip ring

1st round Ch 3, 9 treble crochet into ring. Pull the slip ring tight to close centre of ring and slip stitch in top ch to join. 2nd round Ch 3, 1 treble crochet into first stitch 2 treble crochet into each stitch to last stitch, slip stitch in top ch to join.

3rd round Ch 3, 2 treble crochet into first stitch, 3 treble crochet into each stitch to last stitch, slip stitch in top ch to join.

4th round Ch 3, 1 treble into first stitch, 2 treble into each stitch to last stitch, slip stitch in top ch to join. Fasten off and sew in ends.

POPPY CENTRE

Using Col B Make slip ring Ch 3, 9 treble crochet into ring. Pull end to close centre of ring and slip stitch in top ch to join. Fasten off and sew in ends.

Using Col C Join yarn into edge of circle on RS and Ch 1 * 1 double crochet into first stitch, 1 ch ... repeat from * to end of round and slip stitch to join.

Fasten off leaving a long tail to attach centre to body of poppy.

FINISHING

Sew in ends for body of poppy. The ends for the centre can be sewn in if you wish or hide them behind when you sew on the centre. Using a yarn needle

thread black tail and invisibly attach the centre to the body of the poppy.

Start again



'LORRAINE'S EASIER CROCHET PATTERN'

This design is only two rounds using treble and triple treble (yoh 3 times before inserting).

Size 3.5 crochet hook Col A 1 ball red 8 ply yarn (one ball will make many poppies)

Col B Scrap of green 8 ply yarn Col C Scrap of black 8 ply yarn

Poppy Body

Using Col A make a slip ring

1st round: Ch 3, 10 treble crochet into ring. Pull the slip ring tight to close centre of ring and slip stitch in top

ch of 3 ch

2nd round: 3ch, 4trtr in beginning of the 3-ch, inn next stitch 5trtr, *in next stitch 1dtr and 4trtr, in next stitch 5trtr.

REPEAT from * around ending with slip st in top of beginning chain. Fasten off. Darn in end.

Poppy Centre

Using Col B: Make slip ring Ch 3, 10 treble crochet into ring. Pull end to close centre of ring and slip stitch in top ch of 3 ch ... fasten off.

Finishing: Stamens

Cut 10 x 7cm lengths of yarn and used a smaller hook to attach them like a fringe to the post of each treble on Round 1.

Notes: The petals are made up of 5 groups of 10 stitches worked over 2 trebles of the first roound. However, the first stitch of the 10 trtr groups is only a double treble. This gives a slight indent on the outer edge to make the petal shape. The green centre is the same as the original pattern (i.e. 10 trebles worked into a slip ring) and then turned over to form a dome, and for the black stamens cut 10 x 7cm lengths of yarn and use a smaller hook to attach them like a fringe to the post of each treble on Round 1.

Start again







Pattern 3

'LYNN'S EASY KNITTED POPPY'

This easy knit pattern gives a lovely frilly finish to your poppy.

Size 3.5 mm knitting needles (we want the finished flower to be quite tight).

Col A 1 ball red 8 ply yarn (one ball will make many poppies)

Col B Scrap of green 8 ply yarn Col C Scrap of black 8 ply yarn

POPPY BODY

Using Col A cast on 120 stitches.

Rows 1-4 Knit

Row 5 Slip 1 Knit 2 together PSSO across the row (40 stiches)

Rows 6-9 Knit

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

Rows 11-14 Knit

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

Cut yarn leaving a tail of about 15cm

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 seam for an invisible seam.

POPPY CENTRE

Using Col B Cast on 8 stitches and knit a square (approx 8-10 rows) of stocking stitch. Cut yarn leaving a tail and thread through live stitches as previously. The purl side is the right side. Run a line of running stitch around the outside of the knitted square and ease enough to pull the edges of the square into a round and tuck under.

FINISHING

Stitch the centre tucked side down to body of poppy and overstitch with black yarn as shown, or alternatively use a black or green button. Sew in ends.

Start again