

KNITTED POPPIES For the best finish, knit with a Double Knit (DK yarn).

The size of needle you choose will determine how big the poppy will be, but we recommend 3.5mm or 3.75mm (UK9). If you have different yarn left in your stash, just use that and the appropriate needle size.

1. Easy garter/knit stitch pattern for beginners Colour A Red (one ball will make a lot of poppies!) Colour B Scrap of Black or a black button Body of Poppy Using Colour A cast on 120 stitches. Rows: 1-4 Knit Row 5: Knit 3 stitches together across the row (40 stitches) (or slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over the remaining stitch) 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 20cm 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, or leave a length so the poppy can be tied. Centre of Poppy Using B, cast on 16 stitches. 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. Add pin.

2 . Easy ribbed poppy pattern Colour A 1 ball red yarn (this will make a lot of poppies) Colour B Scrap of black yarn or black button Body of Poppy Using Colour 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 stitches. 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.