

POPPIES FOR SEALAND



Can you help knit 17,000 centenary poppies?

If you've got a spare few minutes and some scraps of red yarn from your stash, then why not help knit (or crochet) 17,000 poppies for the Sealand's community poppy display this year. You can use any poppy pattern you like (as long as it's the iconic red shade).

Here is an example, but feel free to use any of the other patterns below:

You will need

- A pair of 4mm needles
- Any DK red yarn
- A small black button

Cast on 60 sts using 4mm needles and DK red yarn.

Rows 1-8 (K2, P2) to end.

Row 9 (K2tog) to end. [30 sts]

Row 10 (S2kpo) to end. [10 sts]

Break off yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread tail through remaining 10 sts and pull tight, then fasten off yarn.

Join the edges of the poppy together and sew the black button in the centre of the poppy.

HOW THE POPPIES WILL BE DISPLAYED:

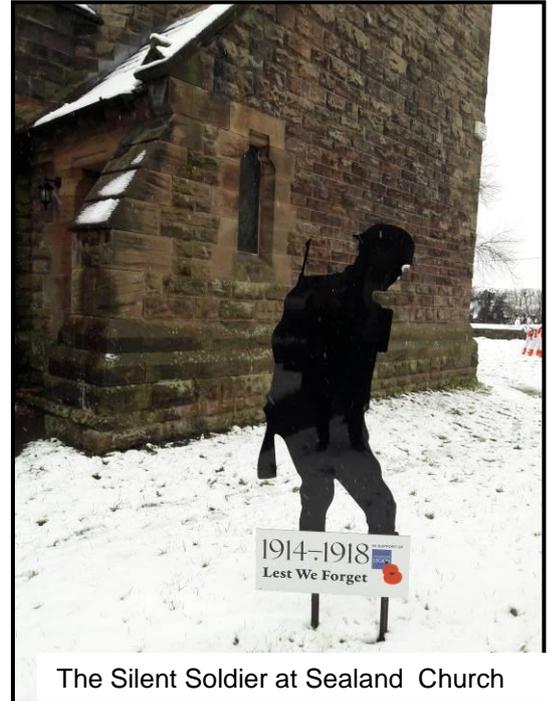
On 11 November 2018 the poppies will be cascaded down the side of St Bartholomew's Church tower to flow past the Silent Soldier standing below.

Poppies that have been collected by 1 June will be included in an interim display inside the church during the Heritage Exhibition 14 - 17 June 2018.

In order for the church to have enough time to put their display together, all the poppies need to have been collected by the end of October.

What to do next:

Please fill in the form below and place it together with your poppies in a plastic bag and deposit them in the box in St Bartholomew's Church porch. There will be a book of dedication containing the names of all those who contributed to this project



For more information or to find out where to send your poppy (or poppies), please contact Jennifer via email: cj.wat@talktalk.net or contact Bernadette on www.facebook.com/St-Bartholomews-Church-Sealand



POPIES FOR SEALAND

Submission Form

Name / Group:

Dedication

Contact details in case we need to get in touch with you:

Telephone / Email:

Pattern Suggestions:

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. If you have any problems with any of the techniques in the poppy patterns - and you have access to the internet - you will find lots of tutorial videos on youtube.

PATTERN 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 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 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.

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.

PATTERN 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 Col A 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

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.

PATTERN 3 EASY KNITTED 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

Body of Poppy

Using Col A cast on 120 stitches.

Rows 1-4 Knit

Row 5 Knit 3 together across the row (40 stitches)

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 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 seam for an invisible seam. Sew in ends.

Centre of Poppy

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 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. Stitch tucked side down to centre of poppy and overstretch with black yarn as shown in photograph above.



Alternatively use a black or green button with 4 holes and sew to centre of poppy.

NB : I have sewn a running stitch around the edge of the knitted circles and each of the buttons to gather in the centre of the poppy to give it some depth. This is not absolutely necessary.

PATTERN 4 FLAT KNITTED POPPY

A poppy knit flat that looks like it was knit in the round

Materials:

9 to 10m of red worsted yarn (I used Red Heart Soft Touch)
1m of black worsted yarn
3.0mm needles
yarn needle for weaving ends

Pattern Notes:

This poppy is worked flat, in garter stitch. Short rows, decreases and wrap & turns shape the petals.



There are 2 ways to do this:

- 1) cast on all 84 sts and work each petal over 21 sts.
- 2) cast on 21 sts and work 1 petal, then cast on another 21 sts and work the next petal, etc.

The only difference in the pattern instructions is that if you do cast on the petals one by one, there is 1 extra row to work before you can CO the next petal. There is no need to pick up the wraps from the W+Ts.



Making other sizes with larger or smaller yarn:

Use a needle size smaller than the yarn ball suggests.
For larger yarns, chunky and bulky, I added 1 more straight row to the black

centre before the decrease row, done purls to the front/right side, then if needed, did the decreases as P2tog or K2tog to match right side.

This pattern is available as a [free Ravelry download](#)

CROCHETED POPPIES

You will need some red wool and a black button.

PATTERN 1.

Three petal crochet poppy

With 4.5mm hook 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 1st 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 and attach button in the centre.

PATTERN 2.

Two petal crochet poppy

Rnd 1: With 3mm hook and wool, ch2. Make 10dc in 2nd ch from hook. Join with a slst in 1st dc. (10sts)

Rnd 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.

Rnd 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 explanation st(s) = stitch (es)

ch = chain rep=repeat dc = double crochet rnd=round htr = half treble crochet
slst = slip stitch r = row tr = treble crochet

FELT CRAFT POPPY

Materials

Felt fabric in red and black
White pencil for tracing onto fabric
Split pins
Florist wire
Scissors
Poppy pattern photocopied to A4

1. Cut out the poppy pattern.
2. Use the white pencil trace the poppy petals onto the red fabric and the circle element onto the black fabric.
3. Carefully cut out each part of the poppy.
4. Fold each element in half and make a very small cut in the middle of each fold. Approximately 3mm cut. Then stack the elements.



5. Push a split pin through the layers making sure the white outlines are on the back.
6. Now holding with the flower petals down squeeze the petals together to pop the back of the split pin up into your hand. Fold the florist wire around the back and twist together TIGHTLY.
7. Turn over and pull and tease the petals out. Flatten the poppy down making sure the florist wire is parallel to the petals.

