PATTERNS FOR POPPIES

Leaving a length of wool when starting and finishing will allow the poppy to be tied.
A pin can be attached to make a brooch.

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).

Use RED for the body of the poppy and BLACK for the Centre *or* use a black or green button with 4 holes and sew to centre of poppy.

If you have different yarn left in your stash, just use that and the appropriate needle size.

1. Garter (knit) stitch pattern for beginners (SOURCE: 5000poppies/Wells Cathedral/British Legion)
Using RED cast on 120 stitches.
Rows: 1-4 Knit
Row 5: Knit 3 stitches together across the row (40 stitches) (or slip1, knit 2 tog, pass slipped 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 BLACK, 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 if desired.

2. Even Easier Garter Stitch Poppy (SOURCE: 5000poppies)
Using RED Cast on 70 Stitches.
Knit 8 rows garter stitch; Row 9-11 knit 2 tog across row

FINISHING Cut yarn and thread through remaining stitches. Sew edges together to form a round.

Sew button to centre or make a centre using the same instructions as Poppy 1

3. Easy ribbed poppy pattern SOURCE: 5000poppies/Wells Cathedral/British Legion)
Using RED 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 - Use the same instructions as Poppy 1

CROCHET POPPIES
For the best finish, use Double Knitting weight (DK yarn).
The size of hook you choose will determine how big the poppy will be.
Recommended hook size 3mm or 3.5mm (unless otherwise stated).
You may need a stitch marker depending on the pattern you choose.

Use RED for the body of the poppy and BLACK for the Centre *or* use a black or green button with 4 holes and sew to centre of poppy. Add pin if desired.

Abbreviations & Explanations:
Repeat (rpt); **Round** (rnd)
Stitch (st); **Slip Stitch** (sl st); **Chain** (ch); **Double Crochet** (dc); **Treble Crochet** (tr);
Double Treble (dtr) Yrh twice, insert hook in stitch, yrh and pull up loop, (yrh and draw through 2 loops) 3 times
Triple Treble (ttr) Yrh three times, insert hook in stitch, yrh and pull up loop, (yrh and draw through 2 loops) 4 times

1. Two-Petal Poppy (SOURCE: Simply Crochet Magazine)
With BLACK, make a magic loop or chain 3 and join with a slip stitch to make a circle.
Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), 8dc into loop, ss to first dc. [8 sts]
Round 2 Ch1, 2dc in each st around, ss to first dc. **Fasten off**. [16 sts]
Round 3 Join RED into any st, ch1, working in back loop only of next 5 sts of previous round:
dc in next st, htr in next st, tr in next st, 2dtr in next st, 2ttr in next st. Now working in both loops for next 4 sts: (2ttr in next st) 4 times. Working in back loop only for rem sts of this rnd: 2ttr in next st, placing a marker in the base of this st, 2dtr in next st, tr in next st, htr in next st, dc in next st. Fasten off, leaving remaining sts unworked. [22 sts]
Round 4 Rejoin RED in remaining front loop of marked st. Ch1, working in rem front loops of next 5 sts, in front of petal already worked: dc in marked st, htr in next st, tr in next st, 2dtr in next st, 2ttr in next st. Working in both loops of next 2 sts: (2ttr in next st) twice. Working in rem front loops for rest of rnd: 2ttr in next st, 2dtr in next st, tr in next st, htr in next st, dc in next st. **Fasten off** and weave in ends.

2. Another Two-Petal Poppy (SOURCE Bella Coco)
(video tutorial available at http://www.bellacoco.co.uk/2015/10/crochet-poppy.html)
With RED ch4 and join with a slip stitch
Round 1: ch1, 10dc, and join with a slip stitch
Round 2: ch2, 2tr, 2tr, 3dtr, 2tr, ch2, ss, ch2, 3tr, 2tr, 4dtr, 3tr, ch2, connect and tie off
Centre of Poppy
Using BLACK 10dc into a *magic circle* and join with a slip stitch OR use a black button

3. And Another Two-Petal Crochet Poppy (SOURCE British Legion)
Round 1: 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, sl st in next 2sts. rep from * once again.
Round 3: *ch1, 3dc in next 2 sts, 2dc in next 5sts, 3dc in next 2 sts, sl st in next 2sts. rep from * once again. Fasten off.
Sew all ends in and attach button in the centre

4. Three-Petal Crochet Poppy (SOURCE British Legion)
Using a 4.5mm hook and RED Ch 3, join with slst to form circle.
Round 1: Ch 3, work 9 dc into the centre of the circle and join with slst.
Then 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 the same as petal 2**.
Sew all ends in and attach button in the centre.