



KENT REMEMBERS

With 2018 marking 100 years since the First World War ended, the Garden Life Marquee at the Kent County Show is creating a display of handmade poppies as a memorial to those who served in the conflict. We would like your help to create this memorial.

The hand crafted poppies can be made from any material other than paper. Anyone can make a poppy, and please feel free to make more than one.

Please send poppies to: Becky Parrock, Kent Showground, Detling, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 3JF.

For further details, please email becky@kentshowground.co.uk or call 01622 630975.

Submission Form

Name:

Address:

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Telephone:

Email:

Would you like your name and town to be included in the Contributors List? Yes No

Would you like to receive information from the Kent County Agricultural Society in the future? Yes No

Please note, supplying a poppy does not allow entry to the Kent County Show. Tickets can be purchased from www.kentshowground.co.uk or the ticket hotline 01622 633060.

Knitted Poppy Patterns

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.

Easy garter/knit stitch pattern for beginners

Colour A Red

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)

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 Colour 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.

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.

Poppies with petals

Body of Poppy

Using 3 1/4mm needles. Cast on 11 stitches, work in straight stitch throughout.

1st Row – K

2nd Row – P1, increase in next st, P to last 2 sts, inc in next st, P1

3rd Row – K1, increase in next st, K to last 2 sts, inc in next st, K1 (15 sts)

4th Row – as 2nd row

5th – 12th Row – Stocking stitch

13th Row – K1 (K2 tog through back of loop) twice, K to last 5 stitches, K2 tog twice, K1

14th – 16th Row – Stocking stitch

17th Row – as 13th row

18th Row – P1, P2 tog, P to last 3 sts, P2 tog, P1.

Cast off remaining 7 sts

Join 2 petals together at cast off edge.

Join the other 2 petals in the same way

Lay one pair of petals across the other pair and join securely in the centre

Centre of Poppy

Using 3 1/4mm needles, cast on 10 sts. Cast off. Roll into a ball. Sew securely, sew into centre of poppy.

Crocheted Poppies

You will need some red wool and a black button.

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. Add pin

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. Add pin.

Stitch explanations:

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