

Knitted Poppies

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. 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 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. Add pin.

All poppies will be donated to the Poppy Appeal