Poppy knitting pattern

Thank you for being involved with the World War One Centenary celebrations taking place in Devizes.

We want as many people as possible to knit or crochet red, purple and white poppies that will form part of an ambitious installation in the Market Place, please help by spreading the word.

A suggested pattern is below – we would like to keep them all approximately the same size, but if you have a pattern you would prefer to use feel free. Please leave your completed poppies at Winkworth Estate Agents, Sprout Café or Devizes Books, or if out of the area post them to DOCA, Winkworth House, Market Place, Devizes, SN10 1HT. Please mark your poppies clearly with your name so we know who to thank. All poppies need to be received by the beginning of September so that we can assemble them

Thank you for helping to make something amazing happen.

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Knitting pattern

Equipment: 4mm, 5mm or 5and a half mm knitting needles Red, purple, or white double knitting or thicker wool (Size of needle used is dependent on the thickness of wool used).

Petals: (make 4) Cast on 7 sts.
1st row: K
2nd row: Kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1. 9 sts.
3rd row: As 2nd row. 11sts.
4th row: As 2nd row. 13sts.
5th -8th rows: K
9th row: s1k1psso twice, k to last 4 sts, k2tog twice. 9sts
10th -12th rows: K
13th row: As 9th row. 5sts.
14th -16th rows: K
17th row: K1, sk2po, k1. 3sts.
18th row: K. Cast off.
Finishing: Sew petals together into a poppy shape.

For the centre, why not try a long strip of black French Knitting curled up, a thin strip from an old black t-shirt rolled up and sewn in – just use your imagination

Abbreviations k = knit, k2tog = knit 2 together, kfb = knit into front and back of stitch(st), st(s) = stitch(es) Sk2po = Slip 2 stitches as if to knit together, knit 1, pass slipped stitches over.

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Crochet Pattern

Equipment: Size 3.5 crochet hook (to make the finished flower quite tight)

Colour A: ball of 8 ply yarn – for this project, use either red, white or purple yarn

Colour B: scraps of green 8 ply yarn

Colour C: Scraps of black 8 ply yarn

Body of poppy

Using colour A make a slip ring

1st round ch 3, 9 treble crochet into ring. Pull the slip ring tight to close centre of ring and slip stich in top ch to join

2nd round Ch 3, 1 treble crochet into first stitch 2 treble crochet into each stitch to last stitch, slip stitch in top ch to join

3rd round Ch 3, 2 treble crochet into first stitch, 3 treble crochet into each stitch to last stitch, slip stich in top ch to join

4th round Ch 3, 1 treble into first stitch, 2 treble into each stitch to last stitch, slip stitch in top ch to join. Fasten off and sew in ends

Centre of Poppy

Using colour B Make slip ring ch 3, 9 treble crochet into ring. Pull end to close centre of ring and slip stitch in top ch to join. Fasten off and sew in ends

Using Colour C Join yarn into edge of circle on RS and Ch 1*1 double crochet into first stitch, 1 ch. Repeat from * to end of round and slip stitch to join. Fasten off leaving a long tail to attach to body of poppy

Finishing

Sew in ends for body of poppy. The ends for the centre can be sewn in if you wish or hide them behind when you sew on the centre. Using a yarn needle thread black tail and invisibly attach the centre to the body of the poppy