



If you've got a spare few minutes and some scrap red yarn from your stash, then why not help knit (or crochet) poppies for the poppy appeal.

You can use any poppy pattern you like (as long as it's the iconic red shade), but feel free to use the pattern 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.

Specific abbreviation: Sk2po – slip one knit wise, K2tog, pass slipped stitch over.

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