

Pick a Poppy Pattern

One ball of red 8 ply wool will make a number of poppies.
1 pair 4mm needles (or 3.75mm for a tighter poppy).
For the stamen, a scrap of black or green wool (eyelash yarn makes a nice fluffy stamen), or a button will do.

Pattern 1

Poppy of Ryde Easy Plain Knitting

This is the easiest of pattern for absolute beginners.

Easy plain knitting
1 ball Red 8ply wool
1 pair 4mm needles
Optional: 1 ball black fluffy wool for stamen or black button.

Body Cast on 60 stitches
Rows 1-10: Knit
Row 11: knit 2 together across the row (30)
Row 12: To cast off. slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over (10)
Leave long tail and thread back through remaining 10 stitches.
Sew it up
Poppy can be made bigger by knitting more than 10 rows.

Pattern 2

Lynn's Easy Ribbed Knit Poppy Pattern

This pattern gives a full ribbed knitted poppy and is an easy pattern for beginners. K = knit. P = purl.

Body Cast on 60 stitches using red wool
Rows 1 – 10: K2 P2
Row 11: K2 together across the row
Row 12: Slip 1, K2 together, pass the slip stitch over.
Break off yarn with long tail and thread back through remaining stitches and pull tight. Join edges with mattress stitch.

Centre Using black or green wool. Cast on 8 stitches and knit a square (approx. 8-10 rows) of stocking stitch (1st row plain, 2nd row purl). Cut yarn leaving a long tail and thread through live stitches as previously. The purl side is the right side. Run a line of running stitch around the outside of the knitted square and ease enough to pull the edges of the square into a round and tuck under.

Stitch the centre tucked side down to body of poppy and overstretch with black yarn.
Alternatively use a black or green button as the centre of your poppy.

Pattern 3

Lynn's Easy Frilly Knitted Poppy

Size 3.5 mm knitting needles (for tighter finish)

Body Cast on 120 stitches.
Rows 1-4: Knit
Row 5: Slip 1 Knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over across the row (40 stitches)
Rows 6-9: Knit
Row 10: Knit 2 together across the row (20 stitches)
Rows 11-14: Knit
Row 15: Knit 2 together across the row (10 stitches)
Cut yarn leaving a tail of about 15 cm.
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 seam to an invisible seam.
Sew in ends.

Centre Follow instructions for Ribbed Knit pattern.

Pattern 4

Lynn's Easy Crochet Pattern

This pattern gives a full crochet poppy using only one size stitch and is an easy pattern for beginners. Size 3.5 crochet hook (gives a tight finished flower). Ch = chain.

Body Make a slip ring from red wool.
1st round: Ch3, 10 treble crochet into ring. Pull the slip ring tight to close centre of ring and slip stitch in top ch of 3 ch.
2nd round: Ch 3, 1 treble crochet into first stitch 2 treble crochet into each stitch to last stitch, slip stitch in top ch of 3 ch.

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

Centre Make slip ring in green wool. Ch 3, 10 treble crochet into ring. Pull end to close centre of ring and slip stitch in top ch of 3 ch. Fasten off and sew in ends.
Fasten off leaving a long tail to attach centre to body of poppy.
Using black yarn: join yarn into edge of circle of 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 centre to body of poppy.

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 wool needle thread black tail and invisibly attach the centre to the body of the poppy hiding ends.

