# The Big Poppy Knit with The Abbey Church of Dunfermline & Sew Yarn Crafty

**Q&A**

- You can send or bring your finished poppies to: Sew Yarn Crafty & The Sew Studio on Dunfermline High Street or to The Abbey Church of Dunfermline. The final date for receipt of any poppies for display is Wednesday 31st October to allow for the display to be completed.

- There is no need to add brooch pins to the back of the poppies, however if you have already done so, that's not a problem.

- After the Dunfermline Big Poppy Knit display has taken place, poppies will be donated to Poppy Scotland for resale in next year's appeal.

- If you cannot knit/crochet poppies but would like to contribute, you can also purchase a poppy-making pack and ask a friend who knits to help.  We hope to arrange some group knitting events between now and the end of October where we can all work together to create the poppies! Dates will be posted on The Abbey Church and Sew Yarn Crafty Facebook pages.

- We would love you to come along and enjoy the exhibition when it opens – keep an eye out on The Abbey Church & Sew Yarn Crafty Facebook pages for dates & times.  It will be possible during the exhibition to 'dedicate' a poppy to a loved one and make a donation to Poppy Scotland if you wish.

- What yarn should I use? For the best finish, knit with a Double Knit (DK yarn) in red for the main poppy and black yarn or buttons for the centres. The size of needle you choose will determine how big the poppy will be, but we recommend 3.5mm or 3.75mm (UK9), or a 3.5mm – 4mm crochet hook. If you would like to add the occasional white poppy you are welcome.  We would like to work with mainly  red poppies for the display, with occasional white ones.

**KNITTED POPPIES**

**1. Easy Garter/Knit Stitch Pattern For Beginners**
BODY OF POPPY:
Using Col A cast on 120 stitches.
Rows 1-4 Knit
Row 5 Knit 3 stiches together across the row(40 stiches)
Rows 6-9Knit
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 button with 4 holes and sew to centre of poppy.

## 2. Easy Ribbed Poppy Pattern

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 button with 4 holes and sew to centre of poppy.

## CROCHETED POPPIES

## 1. Three Petal Crochet Poppy  (UK crochet terms)

BODY OF POPPY:
With 4.5mm hook Ch 3, join with slst to form circle.
Ch 3, work 9 tr into the centre of the circle and join with slst.
Work the three petals separately.
Petal 1.
Ch 3, work 1tr into same st, work 2tr into each of the next 3 sts. Turn. Ch 1 and work 2dc into each st, fasten off.
Petal 2.
Re-attach yarn and work 2tr into last tr of previous petal, work 2tr into each of the next 3 sts. Turn. Ch 1 and work 2dc into each st, fasten off.
Work petal 3 as per petal 2.
Sew all ends in and attach button in the centre.

## 2. Two Petal Crochet Poppy (UK crochet terms)

BODY OF 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.