

'Valleys and Hills Poppy'

(Remembrance Crochet Poppy)

Lest We Forget



These crochet Poppies are worked flat in a crochet rib stitch that becomes a curved piece before joining into a 'cupped' circle. Crocheted using a few basic crochet stitches but the Poppies look like they have been knitted! Instructions include ideas for 3 different centres. Although you can get creative to your heart's desire. Gather up those old buttons and beads and make your Poppies truly special! These Poppies are ideal for attaching to a stem and arranging in a bouquet OR for use in Memorial Installations.

Materials: 8ply Red yarn – or preferred colour.

3.00mm crochet hook

Yarn needle

Optional: 23mm Button (for button centre) – or preferred size (I like using flat buttons)

Black 8ply yarn (for crochet centre)

Faux Fur Yarn in Black – or preferred colour

Small beads or pearls

Abbreviations:

ch = chain

dc = double crochet

htr = half treble

sl st = slip stitch

SURFACE SLIP STITCH –

This method will be used to embellish around the centre of the Poppy with Faux Fur.

- 1) Insert hook where you want to begin your surface slip stitches.
- 2) Holding the yarn behind your work, pull up a loop.
- 3) Insert your hook into the next space between stitches.
- 4) Yarn over hook and pull through your work
- 5) then pull through the loop on your hook, completing your slip stitch.

Directions are written for the Poppy Flower base with the centre options following thereafter. The entire piece is worked into the back loops of every stitch ONLY to form a 'rib stitch' I refer to as 'Valleys and Hills' hence the name of the pattern. This stitch creates a firm fabric. Thus being ideal for these Poppies to hold their 'cupped' shape.

Begin:

Using Red 8ply yarn and 3.00mm hook.

Row 1: (wrong side) Leaving a 6-8 inch tail for later use, ch12, work 1htr into the 5th ch from hook and in each of the next 5 chs, work 1dc into each of the last 2 chs.

Row 2: (right side) Working into the back loop only of each stitch for remainder of piece, ch1, work 1dc into back loop of each of the next 2dc, work 1htr into the back loop of each of the next 6htr.

Row 3: Ch5, (these ch stitches give a lovely edge around the outside of the Poppy), work 1htr into the back loop of each of the next 6htr, work 1dc into the back loop of each of the last 2dc.

Rows 4 – 24: Repeat rows 2 & 3 until you have a total 24 rows (12 ridges) ending with a right side row, **DO NOT FASTEN OFF**. You should have a curved piece of work at this stage – not quite a semi-circle.

With right sides together (working through both thicknesses) sl st the back loop of working end and the foundation ch stitches together for 8sts. Fasten Off and sew the end in.

To Make Up: Using the yarn needle and the 6-8 inch beginning tail gather up the inside (shortest curved edge) and fasten off firmly. You can use this yarn tail to attach a button. Otherwise sew the end in neatly.

Centre Options:

If you are choosing to add Faux Fur around the centre of your Poppy – follow the method for Surface Slip Stitch in the 'special abbreviation' section. Work around the inside edge of the dc section near the centre of the Poppy. Sew in the ends neatly. Using the end of your yarn needle 'fluff/tease' out the Faux Fur ends to make more visible.

Button: Simply attach a special button to the centre of your Poppy.

Crochet Centre: Using Black 8ply and 3.00mm crochet hook. Magic Ring, ch2, (counts as 1st htr) work 11 more htr into the ring, pull closed firmly, sl st to the top of the beginning ch2. Fasten off leaving a 6-8 inch tail for attaching to the centre of the Poppy. Sew the piece neatly to the centre of the Poppy using small even stitches. Sew in ends neatly.

Embellish: Use those special beads or pearls attach them to the centre of your Poppy. Be creative – make it unique. You may have some old military buttons or even themed buttons that hold precious memories.

I hope you enjoy making your Poppies!

<u>USA</u>	<u>UK</u>	<u>Australia - NZ</u>
Lace	2 ply	2 ply
Sock or Fingering	3 ply	3 ply
Fingering	4 ply	4 ply
Sport	Some double knitting yarns	5 ply
Light Worsted	Double knitting	8 ply
Worsted	Aran	10ply
Chunky	Bulky	16 ply
Bulky	Chunky	20 ply