

Pretty Poppies

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Thank you.

Rachelle

Significance of the Poppy

The Poppy is recognised as a symbol of remembrance in Australia and other countries of the Commonwealth for those who lost their lives or suffered in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.

This tradition began in the early 1900s, post-World War I, where red poppies were among the first plants to grow on the Western Front in Europe. They bloomed across the wasted battlefields of northern France and Belgium.

It also inspired Canadian Medic, Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, to write his poem, *In Flanders Fields*, whilst he was serving outside Ypres, Belgium, in 1915.

McCrae's poem recalls the red poppies on the graves of soldiers who died on the Western Front.

In Flanders Fields - John McCrae

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly*

*Scarce heard amid the guns below
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields*

What you will need:

- Size 5 cotton crochet thread in black and red
- 2mm crochet hook
- Scissors
- Small Tapestry/Yarn needle to sew in the ends.
- Stitch markers

Things to note:

- To make the poppies bigger or smaller you can use any thread or yarn and an appropriately sized hook and follow the same pattern.
- If you are not confident in using a magic circle you can replace it by starting with a chain of 4 and slip stitching into the 4th stitch from the hook to create a loop, CH2 and then put the 12 stitches through the centre of the chain loop.
- The 2 layers of petals are worked into the front loop and back loops of each black stitch.
- Each line of the red petal pattern indicates the need to move to the next stitch.
- I did not use any stitch markers whilst making these poppies but feel free to use them if you need to mark important points of reference.

US Terminology

Abbreviations

CH – Chain

SS – Slip Stitch

MC – Magic circle

SC – Single Crochet

HDC – Half Double Crochet

DC – Double Crochet

BLO – Back loop only

FLO – Front loop only

Pattern

Flower centre – Black Thread

Create MC

Ch2 (does not count as a stitch),

12DC into the MC,

SS into the first DC and tie off

Back row petals - Red Thread (working in BLO)

Starting in any stitch, create a standing SC, and in same stitch add 1HDC and 2DC

3DC

2DC, 1HDC

1SC, 1HDC, 2DC

3DC

2DC, 1HDC

Repeat 2 more times over next 6 stitches

SS into first SC, CH1

SC back into same stitch – this round is worked through both loops of the stitches in the last round

1HDC

1DC

2DC in each of the next 5 stitches

1DC

1HDC

Repeat sequence!

1SC in next stitch then follow the repeat sequence. Do this 2 times

SS into the first SC and tie off

Front row petals – Red Thread (working in the FLO)

Starting in any stitch, create a standing HDC and in same stitch add 3DC

4DC

3DC, 1HDC

1HDC, 3DC

4DC

3DC, 1HDC



Repeat 2 more times over next 6 stitches

SS into first HDC, tie off.

Using your tapestry/yarn needle weave in the ends and trim the excess.

UK/AUS Terminology

Abbreviations

CH – Chain

SS – Slip Stitch

MC – Magic circle

DC – Double Crochet

HTR – Half Treble Crochet

TR – Treble Crochet

BLO – Back loop only

FLO – Front loop only

Pattern

Flower centre – Black Thread

Create MC

Ch2 (does not count as a stitch),

12TR into the MC,

SS into the first TR and tie off

Back row petals - Red Thread (working in BLO)

Starting in any stitch, create a standing DC, and in same stitch add 1HTR and 2TR

3TR

2TR, 1HTR

1DC, 1HTR, 2TR

3TR

2TR, 1HTR

Repeat 2 more times over next 6 stitches

SS into first DC, CH1

DC back into same stitch – this round is worked through both loops of the stitches in the last round

1HTR

1TR

2TR in each of the next 5 stitches

1TR

1HTR

Repeat sequence!

1DC in next stitch then follow the repeat sequence. Do this 2 times

SS into the first DC and finish off

Front row petals – Red Thread (working in the FLO)

Starting in any stitch, create a standing HTR and in same stitch add 3TR

4TR

3TR, 1HTR

1HTR, 3TR

4TR

3TR, 1HTR



Repeat 2 more times over next 6 stitches

SS into first HTR, tie off.

Using your tapestry/yarn needle weave in the ends and trim the excess.