The Poppy Project 2020 – East Hunsbury Remembers

This year, the Parish Council are aiming to create a display in front of the Library, for Remembrance commemorations in November.

As part of that project, we need a lot of poppies! On this pattern list is a knitted one, a crochet one, and bottle top Poppies (which children may like to make for us), and a felt pattern.

We need all the poppies by Friday 23rd October – but we would like to have them as early as you can make them.

The community display will be in place, outside the Library in November, in the run up to Sunday 8th November and our local Remembrance event.

WHERE TO BRING YOUR POPPIES TO:

When you have made a batch, no matter how many, you can drop them to our Parish Office at Hunsbury Library. Openings times vary now, so if you are making a special journey to drop off, just ring or email us to arrange a time.

As of 4th Aug, the Library is open Tues and Thu 10am – 4pm (please note this is correct at time of going to print)

ANY QUESTIONS: Please ring Liz on 01604 708429 or email Liz community@easthunsburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

PATTERNS FOR POPPIES

1. HOW TO MAKE KNITTED POPPIES

For the best finish knit with a Double Knit (DK yarn). The size of the needle you choose will determine how big the poppy will be, but we recommend 3.5mm or 3.75mm (UK9). If you have different yarn left in your stash, just use that and the appropriate needle size.

Easy garter/knit stitch pattern for beginners

Colour A – Red wool (one ball will make a lot of poppies!)

Colour B – Black wool OR a black button

1. Using colour, A cast on 120 stitches
2. Rows 1-4 knit,
3. Row 5 - knit 3 stitches together across the row leaving you with (40 stitches)
4. Rows 6-9 knit,
5. row 10 - knit 2 stitches together across the row leaving you with (20 stitches)
6. Rows 11-14 knit,
7. Row 15 - knit 3 stitches together across the row leaving you with (10 stitches)
8. Cut yarn leaving a tail of about 20cm
9. Then thread tail through yarn needle and slip all the remaining live stitches onto the yarn tail and pull together tight
10. Pull around into a circle and then mattress stitch (or use whatever stitching you normally use) to seam for an invisible seam.
11. Sew in ends
12. Centre of the poppy using colour. B, cast on 16 stitches. Cast off. Coil into a tight spiral and sew base to the centre OR use a black button with 4 holes and sew to the centre of the poppy. Leave two strands of wool behind poppy about 2 inches long to tie to netting.

2. HOW TO MAKE A CROCHET POPPY (UK CROCHET TERMS)

Dc – double chain  htr – half treble tr – treble ss – slip stitch

1st round: Ch2, In second chain from hook, dc 11, join last dc to first with a slip stitch (10 sts)
2nd round: Ch1, *in 1st dc (dc, htr, tr), in 2nd dc 2 tr, in 3rd dc 3tr, in 4th dc (tr, htr, dc), ss into next dc* repeat from *to* (24 stitches)
3rd round: Ch1, in 1st st of previous round (dc, htr, tr), in next 10 stitches tr, 2tr, tr, 2tr, tr, 2tr, tr, 2tr, tr,2tr,
In 12th stitch of previous round (tr,htr,dc) ss into next dc.
In 14th st of previous round (dc,htr,tr) tr into next 9 stitches, into 23rd stitch of previous round (tr, htr, dc) ss into last stitch of previous round. Bind off and sew in ends.

Finishing: Add a black circle in the middle if you can’t crochet one how about sewing a black button in the middle, remember to leave some wool at the back about 2 inches so we can tie it on to the netting.
3. **MAKE A POPPY FROM THE END OF A PLASTIC BOTTLE**

This one is a nice idea for children to do – we will place these around the cascade in the ground.

Cut off the bottom of a bottle (4 -7 centimetres).

1. Use a drill or a pair of scissors to make a hole in the bottom of the bottle.
2. Snip off bits of the bottle to make petals (rounded will be best).
3. You may need to use some sandpaper to get rid of any sharp edges.
4. Paint the inside of the poppy with red acrylic paint or colour with a marker.
5. Cut a 7 cm circle from the remains of the bottle and make a hole in the centre.
6. Paint the circle black or colour it with a marker. Leave to dry
7. Repeatedly cut from the outside of the circle inwards to fringe it (don’t cut to the hole).
8. Cut a piece of wire to about 20cms long.
9. Next thread a black bead or button onto the wire and put both ends through the black circle.
10. Heat the outer edge of the black circle with a hairdryer until it curls (this may take a while).
11. Pass the wire through the red poppy base and pull.

IF YOU CAN’T do all the drilling and hair drying bit just paint the cut off end as shown in picture.
4. How to make a felt poppy

1. Cut a piece of card (Cereal box is good) approx 8.5 inches, or 21.5 cms BY approx 2 inches, or 5cms.

2. Divide length into 5 petal shapes approx 1.75 or 4.5 cms per petal and cut a v shape into each petal. I left a small tab on one end to aid joining please see photo. All sizes are approx as Mother Nature does not use a ruler.

3. Cut shape from red felt

4. Join into a circle, this is where the tab is used,

5. Gather up the straight end as tightly as you can.

6. Using a black marker draw lines on each petal. This is optional as you can just leave it red.

7. Sew a black button into the middle. Please leave any thread ends at the back of the poppy so it can be tied on to net.