



This November we're hoping to create a curtain of crocheted or knitted poppies as a poignant textile installation in the court house at Barrington. The curtain will mark the centenary of the end of World War I and symbolise the wholehearted community spirit embraced by local residents at that time, by bringing together Barrington's crafters to create something we think will be visually striking.

There are three different patterns for both crocheted and knitted poppies below. **Please pass all completed poppies to: Emma Blake, Visitor Experience Officer by Sunday 21 October 2018.**

Thank you for your help!

Knitted poppies

1. Easy garter/knit stitch pattern

UK9 needle and DK (double knit) wool

Body of poppy

- Using red yarn, cast on 120 stitches
- Rows 1–4: knit
- Row 5: knit 3 stitches together across the row (40 stitches)
- Rows 6–9: knit
- 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 approximately 20cm
- Thread tail through yarn needle, slip all the remaining live stitches onto the yarn tail and pull tight. Pull around into a circle, then mattress stitch (or whatever stitching you usually use) for an invisible seam, before sewing in ends

Centre of poppy

- Using black yarn, cast on 16 stitches, then cast off
- Coil into a tight spiral and sew base to the centre of the body

2. Easy ribbed poppy pattern

UK9 needle and DK (double knit) wool

Body of poppy

- Using red yarn, cast on 60 stitches
- Rows 1–10: knit 2, purl 2 across the row (for a slightly smaller poppy to 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 row (10 stitches)
- Break off yarn with a long tail, thread back through remaining stitches and pull tight. Join edges with mattress stitch

Centre of poppy

- Using black yarn, cast on 16 stitches, then cast off
- Coil into a tight spiral and sew base to the centre of the body

Crocheted poppies

1. Three petal crocheted poppy

[Using a 4.5mm hook]

- Ch 3, join with slst to form a circle
- Ch 3, work 9 dc into the centre of the circle and join with a slst

[Work the 3 petals separately]

Petal 1

- Ch 3, work first dc into same st, work 2 dc into each of the next 3 sts
- Ch 1, work 2 sc into each st, tie off

Petal 2

- Work 2 dc into the last dc of the previous petal, work 2 dc into each of the next 3 sts
- Ch 1, work 2 sc into each st, tie off

Petal 3

- Work as petal 2 above

Sew all ends in