



# Red Poppy

## Instructions:

### Petal (make 4)

With red chunky yarn and size 3.25mm (UK 10; US 3) needles, cast on 13 sts.

Row 1: k all sts tbl.

Row 2: sl 1, k11, turn, leaving rem stitches on needle.

Row 3: k11, turn.

Rep row 3 seven more times.

Row 11: k10, k2tog.

Row 12: sl1, k9, k2tog.

Row 13: k to end.

Rep last row 5 times.

Row 19: k4, sl 1, k2tog, psso, k4.

Row 20: k.

Row 21: k3, sl 1, k2tog, psso, k3.

Row 22: k.

Row 23: k2, sl 1, k2tog, psso, k2.

Row 24: k.

Row 25: k1, sl 1, k2tog, psso, k1.

Row 26: sl 1, k2tog, psso; fasten off.

### Centre

With black linen yarn and 2.25mm (UK 13; US 1) needles, cast on 6 sts.

Row 1: k.

Row 2: inc 1, k to last st, inc 1 (8 sts).

Row 3: inc 1, k to last st, inc 1 (10 sts).

Knit 10 rows.

Row 14: k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog (8 sts).

Row 14: k2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog (6 sts).

Cast off.

### Stamens

With black linen yarn and 2.25mm needles, cast on 10 sts.

Row 1: cast off, leaving 1 st on needle.

Row 2: cast on 9 sts.

Row 3: cast off, leaving 1 st on needle.

Rep rows 2 and 3 six times more.

Cast off rem st.

### Making up

Stitch the petals together, arranging them so that the pointed bases meet in the centre and each straight side edge overlaps its neighbour by about 2mm (1/8in).

Stitch a running thread around the edge of the centre piece, place the button inside and pull up the yarn to gather; fasten off securely.

Join the two ends of the row of stamens, then run a thread along the base and pull up to gather. Stitch to the centre of the flower and stitch the covered button on top. First published in 2014

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## Materials:

Chunky acrylic yarn, red  
Linen double knitting  
yarn, black  
Round button, 22mm (85/16in)

## Needles:

1 pair 2.25mm (UK 13; US 1)  
knitting needles  
1 pair 3.25mm (UK 10; US 3)  
knitting needles  
Tapestry needle

## Measurements:

Finished flower measures 12cm  
(43/4in) across

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*Use the red poppy as a corsage on a plain coat, or pin it to a hat to make a statement. For an alternative, use a pure wool double knitting yarn in pink, with a grey wool centre. Using a lighter yarn with the same size needles produces a slightly smaller flower (this one is 11cm/43/8in in diameter).*