

Use yarn that knits to 4mm needles with a 3.5mm crochet hook throughout to achieve a poppy roughly the same size as an official poppy. You will need:

- Red yarn
- Green yarn
- Black yarn and safety pins, or black buttons (and needle and thread if you're going to need to sew a button in place)
- Yarn needle

The poppy is worked in four simple continuous rounds. Round 1 is worked slightly different depending on whether you are buttoning the poppy on or attaching a safety pin. I always use British crochet terminology so please refer to [UK crochet terminology](#), and if you've never worked into a magic circle before, you may find [working crochet in continuous rounds](#) a useful read.

Stitches used:

- **ch**: chain
- **dc**: double crochet (US single crochet)
- **htr**: half treble crochet
- **tc**: treble crochet
- **slst**: slip stitch

Poppy:

Button-hole fastening:

Round 1: ch 8

Work the first stitch of round 2 into the first chain, thus forming a button-hole

Safety pin fastening:

Round 1: work 8 dc into a magic circle and pull to close

Round 2: (dc, 2 dc into next stitch) x4 [12]

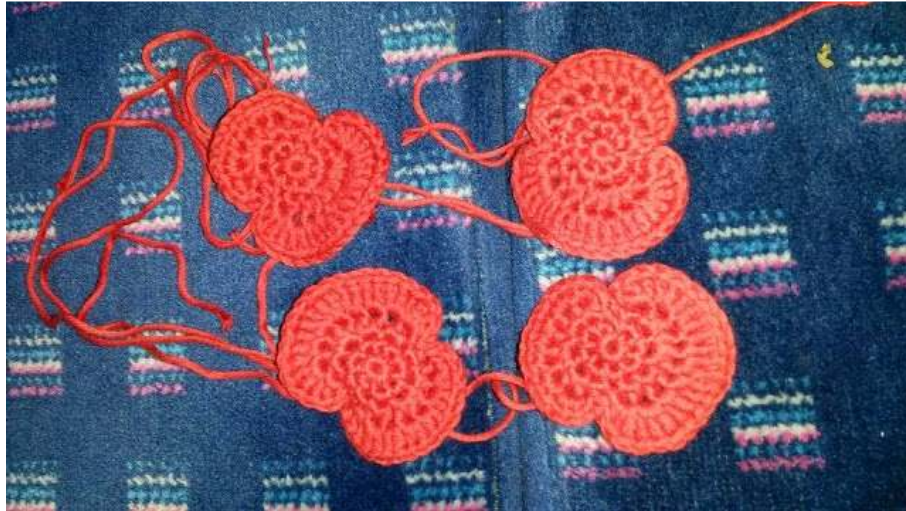
Round 3: (slst, htr, 2 htr into next stitch, 3 htr into next stitch, 2 htr into next stitch, htr into next stitch) x2 [20]

It's round 4 that gives the poppy its small and big petal.

Round 4: slst into the next two stitches, 1 dc and 2 htr into next stitch, 3 htr into next stitch, 2 htr into the next three stitches, 3 htr into next stitch, 2 htr and 1 dc into next stitch, slst into the next two stitches, 1 htr and 2 tc into next stitch, 3 tc into next stitch, 2 tc into next five stitches, 3 tc into next stitch, 2 tc and 1 htr into next stitch

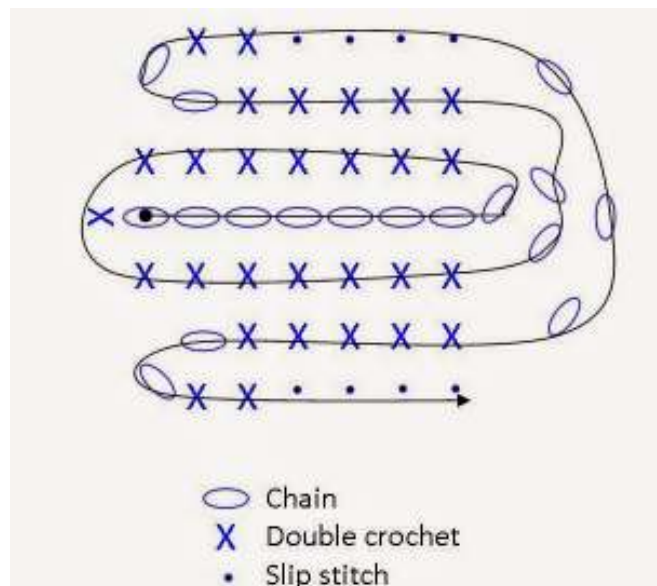
Cut yarn and pull through. If making a button-hole poppy, sew in loose ends. If making a safety pin poppy, don't cut the yarn ends until after you've used them to sew on the safety pin.

Here's a load of safety pin poppies I made on the train to work (note the absence of button hole, and rather dirty train seats):



Leaf:

I worked the leaf in double crochet and slip stitches. I've made an attempt at drawing a chart because I'm not convinced my typed instructions will be clear enough - if in doubt, refer to the chart below:



Ch 8, dc in second ch from hook. Work 5 more dc, then work 3 dc into last chain. Do not turn work, but instead rotate the work 180 degrees and work 6 dc down the opposite side of the starting chain, wrapping the yarn tail as you go.

Ch 2, rotate the work 180 degrees again, refer to chart and work 5 dc

Ch 2, turn. Work 1 dc into second chain from hook. Work 1 dc into next stitch then slst into next 4 stitches.

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