CREATE YOUR OWN POPPY

A SIMPLE GESTURE. A LASTING TRIBUTE.

Use the template below or let your creativity bloom! This poppy template has been created by local artist Hayley Gillespie, and we encourage you to make it your own. Add a message, try different materials, colours and styles – every poppy is unique and special.

Materials you may need:



Red paper
(coloured paper, card or recycled materials)



Black paper
(for centre)



Green paper
(for leaves – optional)



Pencils, pens or markers
(to add messages or decorate)



Scissors



Glue or tape



Skewer or toothpick
(for stem)

Step by step guide:

1



Print your template

Print the supplied poppy template, created by local artist Hayley Gillespie. The template contains two petal cut-outs, which together create one poppy.

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Cut out your petals

Carefully cut around the outline of both petal pieces. Then cut along the small slit at the base of each poppy template, following the marked line.

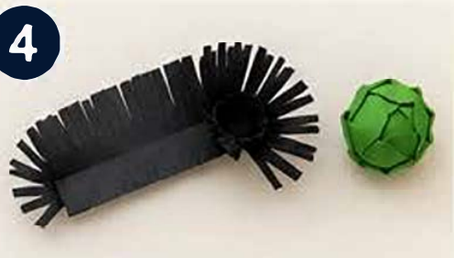
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Join and shape your poppy

Using the cut slits, slide the two petal pieces into one another so they interlock at the centre. Gently mould, curl and shape the petals with your hands to give your poppy dimension and create your desired look.

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Create your centre

Using black paper, cut a strip and snip along one edge to create a fringe. Roll or scrunch the paper and secure it to the centre of your poppy. Get creative with pom-poms, paper, paint or other materials if you wish.

5



Make it your own

Add leaves, colour, patterns or your own personal message. You might write "Lest We Forget", the name of someone you wish to remember, or simply leave your poppy as it is.

6



Add your stem

Secure a wooden skewer or toothpick to the back of your completed poppy using glue or tape. Your poppy is now ready to be planted in our Field of Remembrance!

Be Creative!

Hayley's template is simply a starting point. There is no right or wrong way to create your poppy. Experiment with different papers, colours, textures, leaves and messages to make yours unique.

EVERY POPPY WILL BE DIFFERENT. EVERY POPPY BECOMES PART OF OUR FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE.

