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This pattern gives a full ribbed knitted poppy and is an easy pattern for beginners. The ply of your yarn does not matter providing you adjust your needle size to suit. Use a smaller needle size than you may otherwise use. For instance if you are using 8 ply yarn and usually knit with 4mm needles, try a 3.75. The size of the poppy will change depending on your yarn and needles.

**Col A** 1 ball red yarn (one ball will make a number of poppies)

**Col B** Small amount of green for centre of poppy or a button.

**Col C** Scrap of black yarn.

#### **Body of Poppy**

Using Col A Cast on 60 st

Row 1 –10 : K2 P2

Row 11 : K2 tog across the row.

Row 12 : Sl 1 K2 tog psso.

Break off yarn with long tail and thread back through remaining stitches and pull tight. Join edges with mattress stitch

#### **Centre of Poppy**

Using **Col B** Cast on 8 stitches and knit a square (approx 8-10 rows) of stocking stitch. Cut yarn leaving a tail and thread through live stitches as previously. **The purl side is the right side.** Run a line of running stitch around the outside of the knitted square and ease enough to pull the edges of the square into a round and tuck under.

#### **Finishing**

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