



A poppy knit flat that looks like it was knit in the round.
We made these for an art installation, not to wear.

Materials:

9 to 10m of red worsted yarn (I used Red Heart Soft Touch)
1m of black worsted yarn
3.0mm needles
yarn needle for weaving ends

Pattern Notes:

This poppy is worked flat, in garter stitch. Short rows, decreases and wrap & turns shape the petals.

There are 2 ways to do this:

- 1) cast on all 84 sts and work each petal over 21 sts.
- 2) cast on 21 sts and work 1 petal, then cast on another 21 sts and work the next petal, etc.

The only difference in the pattern instructions is that if you do cast on the petals one by one, there is 1 extra row to work before you can CO the next petal.

There is no need to pick up the wraps from the W+Ts.

Making other sizes with larger or smaller yarn:

Use a needle size smaller than the yarn ball suggests.

For larger yarns, chunky and bulky, I added 1 more straight row to the black centre before the decrease row, done purls to the front/right side, then if needed, did the decreases as P2tog or K2tog to match right side.

Abbreviations:

CO	cast on	P	purl	W+T	wrap and turn	RS	right side
st(s)	stitch(es)	SSK	slip, slip, knit	P2tog	purl 2 together	WS	wrong side
K	knit	K2tog	knit 2 together				

Directions for the all at once CO version:

In red: CO 84 sts.

R1 (RS) K20, W+T.

R2 (WS) SSK, K14, K2tog, W+T.

R3 (RS) SSK, K11, K2tog, W+T.

R4 (WS) SSK, K8, K2tog, W+T.

R5 (RS) SSK, K5, K2tog, W+T.

R6 (WS) SSK, K2, K2tog, W+T.

R7 (RS) K3, K2tog, W+T.

R8 (WS) K4, K2tog, W+T.

R9 (RS) K5, K2tog, W+T.

R10 (WS) K5, K2tog, W+T.

R11 (RS) SSK, K1, K2tog, K1.

This leaves you RS facing with 5 sts on the right needle and the next set of 21 sts ready to go on the left needle.

Repeat (rows 1-11) three more times. When you're done all 4 petals, you'll have 20 sts left. (5sts/petal).



After 4 petals made, cut red and join black.

If you join black RS facing:

R1 (RS) K20 sts

R2 (WS) (K2tog) x 10

This leaves 10 sts on needle.

Cut yarn and pull tight through remaining sts. Secure ends.

If you join black WS facing:

R1 (WS) P20 sts

R2 (RS) (P2tog) x 10

This leaves 10 sts on needle.

Cut yarn and pull tight through remaining sts. Secure ends.

Use the red tail(s) to join the two ends of the petals. (That's the only sewing. Come on, it's not that much!)



Directions for the one petal at a time CO version:

In red: CO 21 sts.

R1 (RS) K20, W+T.

R2 (WS) SSK, K14, K2tog, W+T.

R3 (RS) SSK, K11, K2tog, W+T.

R4 (WS) SSK, K8, K2tog, W+T.

R5 (RS) SSK, K5, K2tog, W+T.

R6 (WS) SSK, K2, K2tog, W+T.

R7 (RS) K3, K2tog, W+T.

R8 (WS) K4, K2tog, W+T.

R9 (RS) K5, K2tog, W+T.

R10 (WS) K5, K2tog, W+T.

R11 (RS) SSK, K1, K2tog, K1.

R12 (WS) Slip 1, K4

This leaves you WS facing with 5 sts on the right needle and ready to cast on next set of 21 sts.

Repeat (cast on & rows 1-12) three more times. When you are done all 4 petals, you'll have 20 sts left. (5sts/petal)

After 4 petals made, cut red and join black.

If you join black RS facing:

R1 (RS) K20 sts

R2 (WS) (K2tog) x 10

This leaves 10 sts on needle.

Cut yarn and pull tight through remaining sts. Secure ends.

Use the red tail(s) to join the two ends of the petals.

If you join black WS facing:

R1 (WS) P20 sts

R2 (RS) (P2tog) x 10

This leaves 10 sts on needle.

Cut yarn and pull tight through remaining sts. Secure ends.

