

Field/Wild Poppy

- as worn on Remembrance Day

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Materials and equipment:

Size 20 in red, green and black, 60 size 16 very dark blue or black seed beads, at least 2 shuttles, 2 paperclips (or one and a safety pin) a British Legion poppy and the usual tatting equipment.

NB the picots are all 1/4 inch - open measurement (use an opened paperclip as a picot gauge) even though, in the diagrams, some look larger.

Abbreviations: CTM = continuous thread method, vsp = very small picot, R = ring, p = picot, cl = close ring, RW = reverse work, SR = split ring, CH. = Chain, SS = swap shuttles, DNRW = do not reverse work, sj = shuttle join
T.W.O = turn work over, as when turning the page of a book.

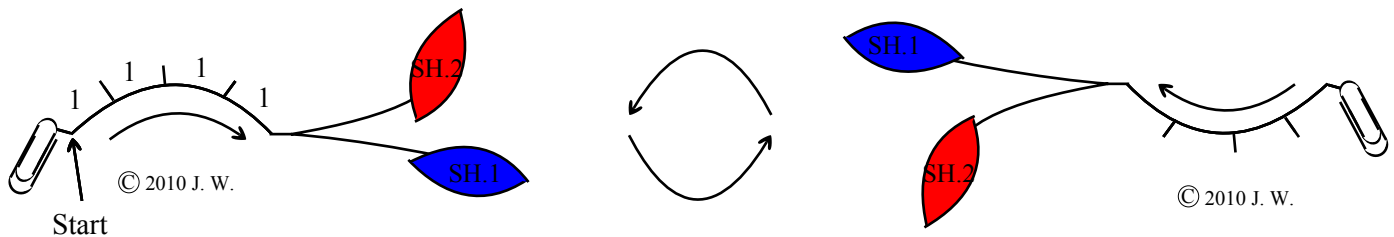


Petals – make four

Wind 2 shuttles CTM with 2 metres on shuttle 1 and 3 metres on shuttle 2

Row 1

SH. 1 use the paperclip as an anchor and start with a chain 1, (p, 1) x 3, false picot, SS and rotate work as in the diagram



Row 2

SH.2 SR.A 2, p, 2 / 2, p, 2, cl RW

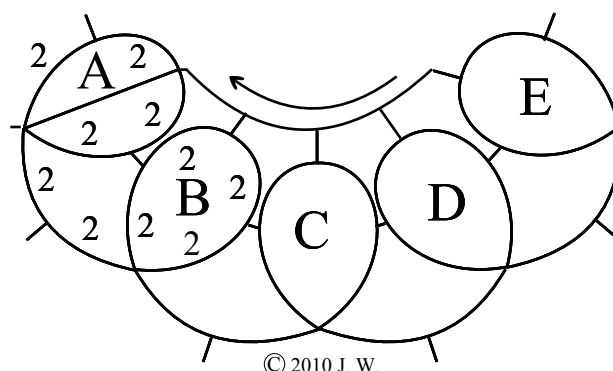
CH. vsp 2, p, 2 RW

R. B 2, + to previous ring, 2, + to the next picot on the row 1 chain, 2, p, 2 cl RW

CH. 2, p, 2 RW

For rings C and D repeat from ring B

R. E 2, + to previous ring, 2, + to the small space left when the paperclip is removed from the chain at the start, 2, p, 2, cl, DNRW



Row 3

SH.2 SR.F 3, p, 3 / 3, p, 3 cl DNRW, SS

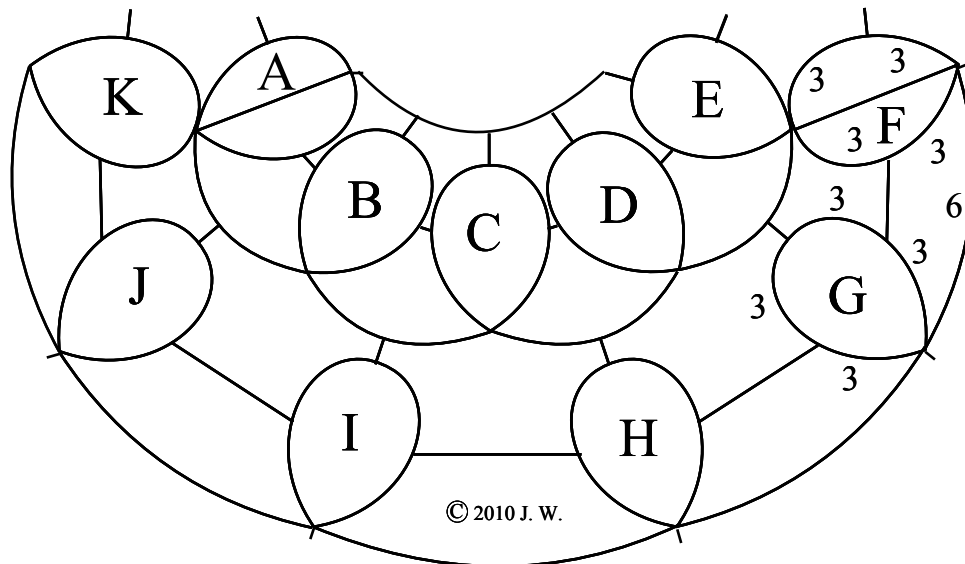
SH.1 CH. vsp, 6 RW

R.G 3, + to the previous ring, 3, + to the chain on row 2 (between rings D and E), 3, p, 3, cl, RW

CH. vsp, 6 RW

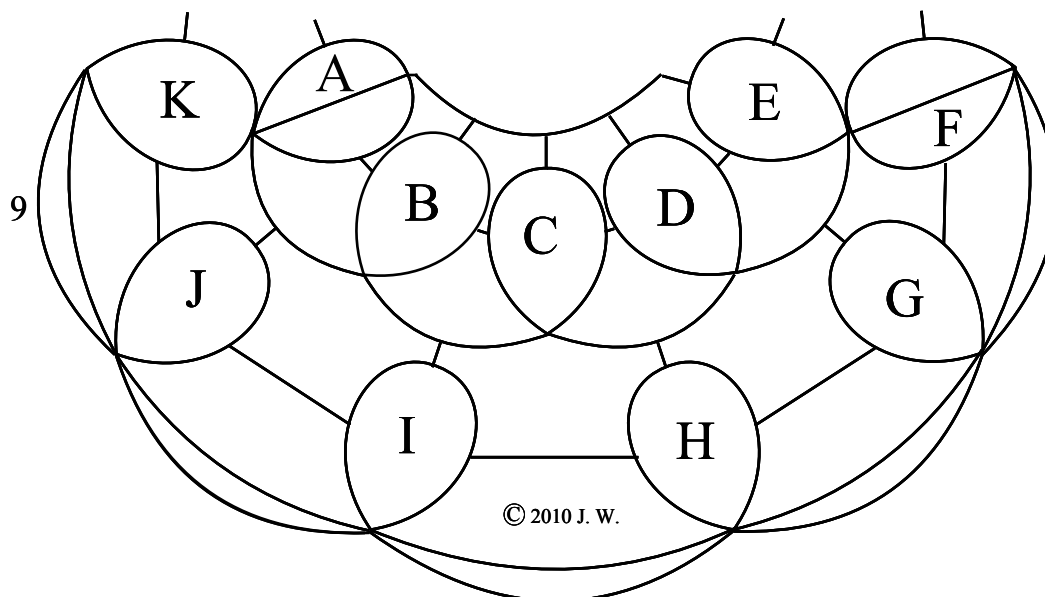
Repeat ring G and a chain 3 times for rings H, I and J then work ring K as follows

R.K 3, + to previous ring, 3, + to the vsp at the base of ring A, 3, p, 3 cl SS DNRW



Row 4

SH.2 CH. vsp,9, sj to the vsp at the base of ring J, 9,sj to the vsp at the base of ring I, continue working chains and shuttle joins to the end of the row. SS T.W.O.



Row 5

Use shuttle 1 as the working shuttle for this row.

CH. *2, (p, 2) x 5, sj to the vsp above the adjacent sj on the previous row,

Repeat from * 4 more times then continue along the 'flat' side of the petal as follows,

CH. 3, special join (see worksheet) into the picot on the side of ring K (see diagram below)

3, special join to the picot on the side of ring A

3, special join to the false picot at the end of row 1

1, p, 2, p, 1, special join to the start of row 1 (where you joined ring E)

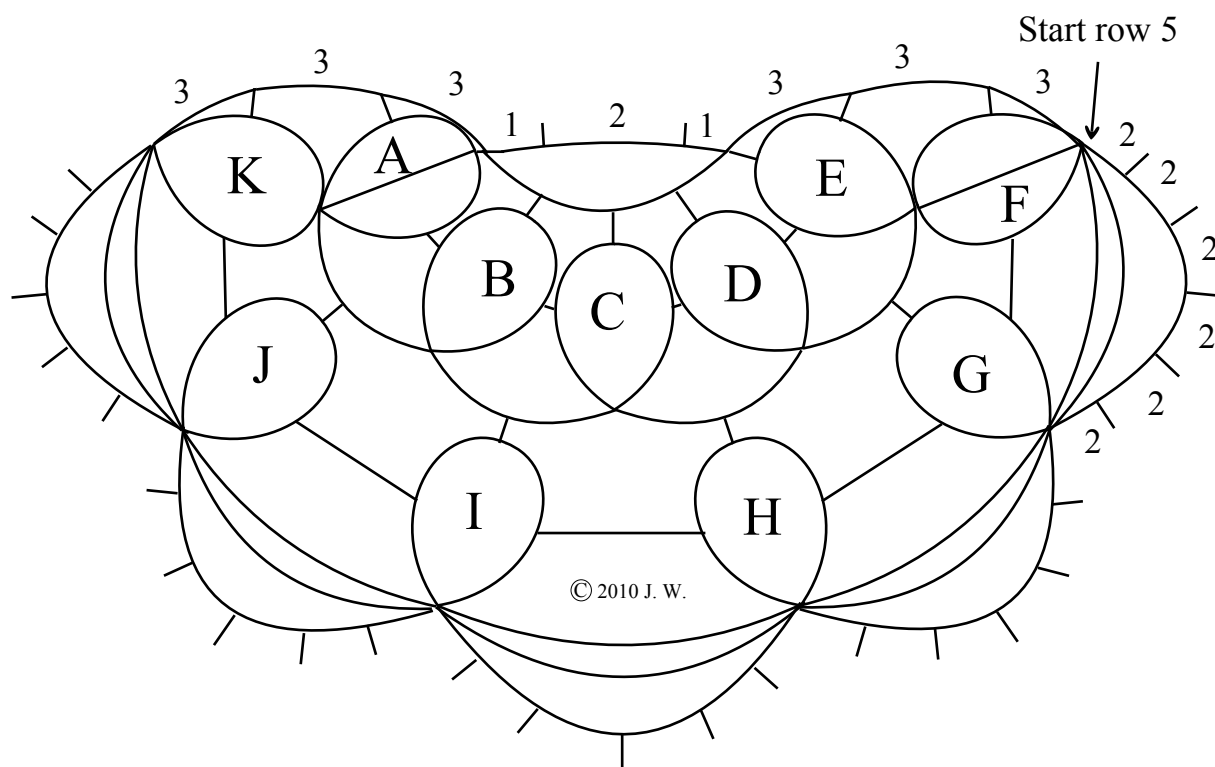
3, special join to the picot on the side of ring E

3, special join to the picot on the side of ring F

3, pull up the chain between ring K (where you worked the last shuttle join) so that the petal 'cups

This will happen nicely if you have worked the 'special joins' properly along the flat side of the petal.

Cut and tie to the vsp at the base of ring F Secure the ends.



Stamens

You will need up to 80 size 15 black beads, black size 20 thread and the usual tatting equipment.

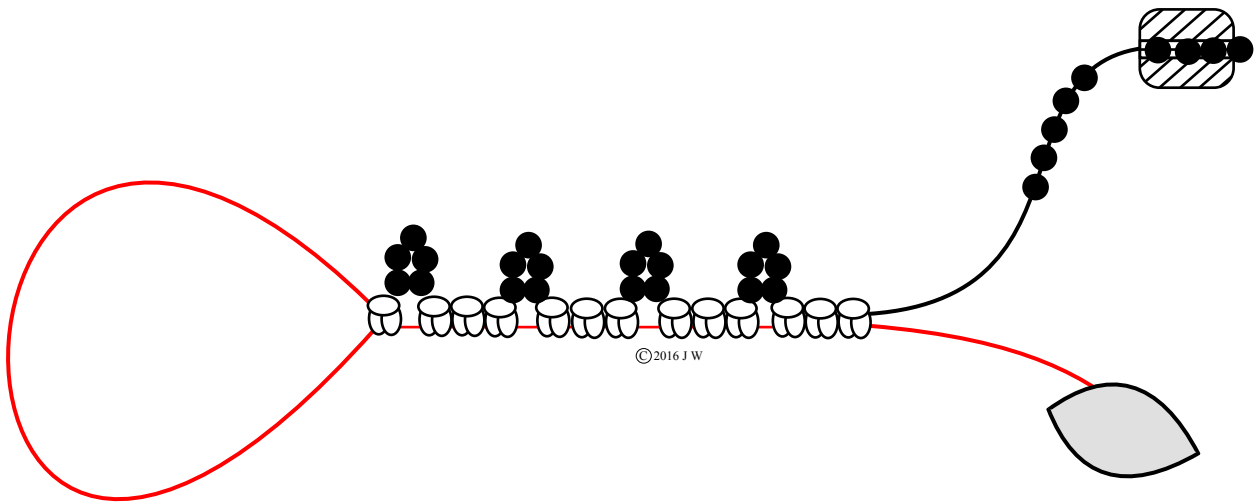
SCMR = self closing mock ring.

B = bead

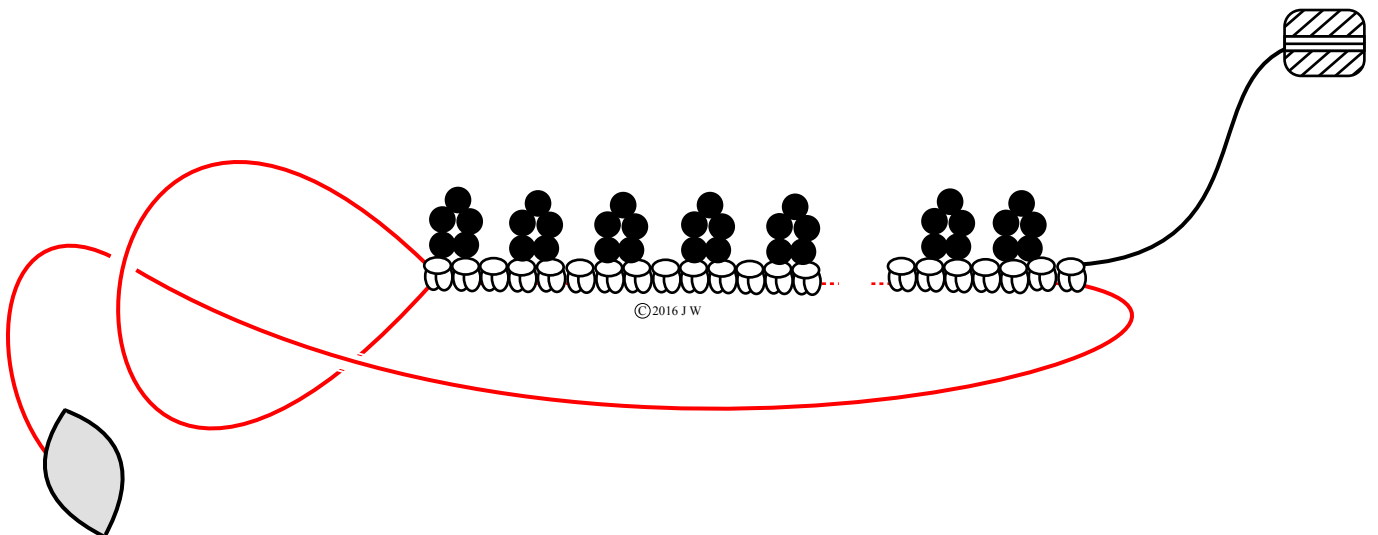
String the beads then wind about ½ metre on your shuttle leaving the beads on the ball thread.



Retain a loop from the core (shuttle) thread (round the 3rd (ring) finger of your left hand) then work a chain - 1, 5B, (3, 5B) x up to 15 times or until the 'chain' is long enough to fit round the centre button of the poppy, end with 2 double stitches.



Pass the shuttle through the loop and pull the shuttle thread to close the ring.
Cut and tie then secure the ends.



Calyx

Materials and tools

Size 20 green thread and the usual tatting equipment.

Techniques

SCMR = self closing mock ring

Wind your shuttle with about a meter of green thread but do not cut from the ball.

R.A 2, (p, 2,) X 4 cl RW

CH. 3,

SCMR.B 5, p, 5 cl

CH. 3 RW

R. C 2, + to ring A, 2, + to ring A (see diagram),
2, (p, 2,) twice CL RW

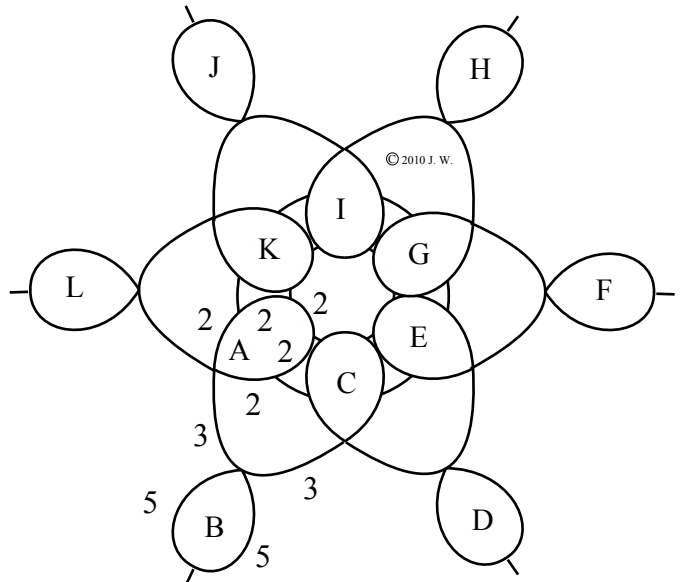
CH. 3,

SCMR D 5, p, 5

CH. 3 RW

Repeat from ring C four times, as in the diagram, remembering to join ring K to ring I and ring A

NB the calyx is shaped and not supposed to be flat.
Cut and secure ends to the base of ring A.



Assembling the Poppy

- 1) The petals should be 'cupped' and roughly a 'D' shape.
- 2) Take two petals and place them side by side with the 'straight' sides next to each other. Take the other two petals and position them in the same way but at right angles to the first two petals,
- 3) Place the second pair of petals on top of the first pair. The right hand picots on the straight side of the 'D's' should be directly on top of, or underneath, the left hand picots on the straight side of the 'D's' on the next petal.
- 4) Cut a length of red cotton and thread it onto a needle then weave the needle upwards and downwards through the picots to hold them in place as in the photo on the right. Cut and tie the ends to hold the petals in place.



Note that there should be a small space in the centre for attaching the back and button from the British Legion Poppy.

- 5) Put a small amount of glue on the inside of the British Legion poppy back then press the petals in place followed by the button front and push gently until it snaps in place.
- 6) Carefully put a small amount of glue round the button then position the stamens round the outside of the button (see the picture on the first page of the pattern).
- 7) Put a small amount of glue on the outside of the poppy back then thread the calyx up the stem and into place.
- 8) If using the 'leaf' from the British Legion Poppy then thread this up the stem and hold it in place to the back of the poppy with a small amount of glue.

Wear your poppy to honour all those who have given their lives for our country - and don't forget to pop a donation in the 'Poppy Appeal' box in November.