



## Encounter Craft – 4<sup>th</sup> November This week – Remembrance Day Poppies

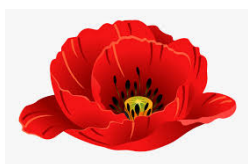
The poppy is the symbol that we use at this time to help us remember all those who have lost their lives in wars. Here we look at different ways of creating this beautiful flower.

### Poppies Against A Background



These look so strong against a black background. Try using layers of wrapping paper or craft paper, with tissue paper poppies laid on top. You could also experiment with printing with white paint onto black paper and then layering the different types of printing onto a sheet. The poppies need a black centre, which could be buttons, and I especially like the stalks made of plaited wool!

These poppies are chunkier but just as effective! The background is a collage of black and white paper, and the poppy petals and centre are made up using beads, buttons, pom poms, or anything red you can find with a good texture.





## Cupcake Case Poppies



Take plain cupcake cases and paint them red. Trim some down to be smaller and then place them inside the larger ones. Black buttons with smaller yellow buttons on top make the centre. You could add green pipe cleaners to make stalks. If you want your poppies to stand up you would probably need to twist two pipe cleaners together so they

are strong enough to support the poppy head.

These are so sweet. Use air-drying clay, or alternatively make them from red and black Plasticine or playdough. Roll out your clay and cut three circles for each poppy. Cover the inside of a small bowl with cling film and then mould the three circles into the bottom of the bowl to create the shape you want. Roll a small ball of clay, squash it flat and put it into the centre of the poppy. Then use a pin or a cocktail stick to make little dots on the centre. When it is all dry you can lift the poppy out and paint it.

## Clay Poppies



**“We will remember them”**

