



CITY OF VINCENT

THE POPPY PROJECT

LEST WE FORGET

Making a paper poppy

POPPIES ARE THE OFFICIAL SYMBOL OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THOSE LOST IN WAR.

The reference to the red poppy is thought to go back as far as the Napoleonic Wars when it was noted that the poppies grew over the burial sites of fallen soldiers. They provided a marker amongst the otherwise barren and bombed landscape.

There are lots of ways to make commemorative paper poppies. Here is one way.

EQUIPMENT

- poppy template
- green pipe cleaner
- black paper fasteners
- scissors & glue
- colouring in supplies (pencils, texters, paint etc.)

STEPS

1. Use scissors to cut out the poppy petals and pistil (black circle).
2. Place the cut-out petal over the other one and glue them together.
3. Then glue the pistil (black circle) in the centre of the poppy.
4. To make the stalk, take a pipe cleaner and measure approximately 1cm from the end. Then bend to a 90 degree angle.
5. Push the straight end of the pipe cleaner through the middle of the petal shape and continue to push until the bent end sits in the middle of the poppy.
6. To make the centre, lay a paper fastener on a flat surface with the two prongs facing up. Slide the prongs through the centre of the poppy. Then fold the prongs towards the outer edges of the poppy petals.
7. Bend and shape the petals of the poppy slightly.

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