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MAKE A REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPY

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As the years pass, it's too easy for us to forget about the sacrifices Canadians made during the two world wars.

If you're looking for information on how and why to mark Remembrance Day, check out the resources provided by the [Royal Canadian Legion](#). Making this poppy is a good way to start the discussion.

You need:

- 1 sheet each (23 x 30 cm/9 x 12 inches) red and black construction paper
- 1 sheet (23 x 30 cm/9 x 12 inches) red crêpe paper
- Scrap black tissue paper
- 1 black pipe cleaner
- 60 cm/24 inches green curling ribbon
- Pencil, compass and ruler
- Scissors and glue stick
- [Petal detail template](#)

To make:

1. Using pencil and compass, draw 23 cm (9-inch) circle on red construction paper and cut out. Trace circle onto crêpe paper; cut out.
2. Fold construction paper circle in half three times to make eighths. With pencil, mark a short arc across one corner to create petals. Cut along line; open up.
3. Fold crêpe paper circle in half twice to make quarters. With pencil, mark a short arc across both corners to create petals. Cut along lines.
4. Layer crêpe paper flower over construction paper flower; offset slightly so construction paper is visible beneath crêpe paper. Apply glue to centre only of construction paper flower; adhere crêpe paper.
5. Push one end of pipe cleaner through flower, from back to front, about 1 cm (1/2 inch) from centre. Repeat with other end of pipe cleaner. Straighten pipe cleaners so they stand perpendicular to flower. Set aside.

6. Trace petal detail template onto red construction paper and cut out; repeat to make four identical pieces. Glue details to flower, points facing centre, as shown.

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To make:

7. Cut four 5 x 6 cm (2- x 2-1/2 inch) rectangles black tissue paper. Working along long edge of rectangles, cut fringe. Bunch base of fringes together; glue to centre of flower, overlapping bases of petal details.

8. Using pencil and compass, draw 6 cm (2-1/2 inch) circle on black construction paper. Cut circle into thick spiral. Dab glue on centre of spiral; adhere to centre of poppy.

9. Curl [pipe cleaners](#) around pencil to form loose spirals.

10. If desired, tie green ribbon to centre of exposed pipe cleaner on underside of poppy. Curl ends slightly.

Tip:

To [make a wreath](#), use a hoop (such as a Hula-Hoop) as a frame. Sandwich hoop between pairs of poppies, stapling poppies together to cover hoop completely.