

Plastic Poppies: A Remembrance Day Craft



What you need

- Plastic drinks bottles – any size will do
- Stanley knife or similar
- Fine sandpaper
- Red acrylic paint
- Black acrylic paint or black sharpie pen
- Paint brush

How to make the poppies

Firstly, use the knife to carefully cut the bottom off a plastic drinks bottle. I suggest cutting just above any dimples on the base of the bottle. These give the finally poppy a bit more shape. The remaining part of the bottle can be recycled.

Once you're bottle bottoms are detached, use either the knife or sandpaper to remove any sharp edges.



Paint the inside of the bottle bottoms with two (or more) coats of red acrylic paint.

Once the red paint is dry, use either black paint or black sharpie to colour in the centre of the poppy. The texture of the original bottle may mean that one method works better than the other. You may want to use the cap from the bottle or a large button instead. Just paint it black or colour it in with a Sharpie if it is not black, then glue it in place.

Before glueing the centre piece in place, pierce the plastic with two holes and attach a 10cm length of twine or string to enable attachment to the overall project.

