YOU WILL NEED
- Any oddments of 4ply cotton yarn, small amounts of each: Red, Black
- A 2.5mm (US B/1 or C/2) hook
- Small selection of orange glass beads
- Brooch pin

TENSION
Tension is not critical for this project

MEASUREMENTS
Poppy measures 8.5cm (3½in) in diameter

ABBREVIATIONS
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POPPY

POPPY CENTRE
Using Black, make a magic loop.
Round 1 (RS) Ch3 (counts as tr throughout), 15tr into the loop. [16 tr]
Round 2 Ch1 (does not count as st throughout), dc in bl of each st around. [16 dc]
Fasten off.

PETALS
Join Dark Red into any st.
Round 3 Ch1, dc in each st around. [16 dc]
Round 4 Ch1, 2dc in each st around. [32 dc]
Round 5 Ch3, tr in st at base of ch-3, 2tr in each dcstround. [64 tr]
Round 6 Repeat Round 5. [128 tr]
Round 7 *Ch3 (does not count as st), tr in the next 14 sts, ch2, ss into next 2 tr; repeat from * around. [8 petals]
Fasten off and weave in ends.

TO FINISH
Sew the beads to the centre of the poppy, as shown. Sew the brooch pin to the centre back of the Poppy.

Poppy fields
Lucy Croft’s elegant poppy design makes a beautiful embellished sign of remembrance

This year marks the 100th year since the end of the First World War. On and around November 11, wearing a scarlet poppy is a sign of remembrance in the UK, to honour those who have died in war. Follow our pattern to create an extra special poppy brooch of your own. Lucy Croft’s elegant design, worked in rich colours, has ruffled petals and a centre filled with glass beads.

Lucy Croft’s more ornate design is inspired by the ruffled petals of Oriental poppies