

POPPY CRAFTS

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Creative use of the Poppy

It's that time of the year when we start to gear up for National Poppy Day and Memorial Day – but we all know that every day is Poppy Day! We have come a long way with being creative in how we make our Poppies. Below we are going to share with you a new twist on the Red Felt Poppy. It's beautiful and very easy to assemble. This Red Felt Lapel Poppy pin would surely make Moina Michael extremely happy as we continue our commitment to remember our collective obligation to support our veterans, active military, and their families.

Here's what you'll need to make this "new" Red Felt Lapel Poppy Pin:

- red and green felt
- black sequins (or black buttons or black yarn pom-poms)
- lapel pin clasp
- hot glue gun



1. Take the red felt, cut a circle about 2 to 3 inches across, and then cut little notches out to make it look flower-petal-y. Also, cut out five or six separate petals.
2. Cut a skinny leaf out of the green felt.
3. Glue the petals onto the main red circle so that it looks basically like a real flower. Don't be confused, though; it's made of felt.
4. Get out three or four of the black sequins and fully glue them onto the felt flower's center (or one button or one pom-pom).
5. Glue the lone green leaf to the back of the flower.



6. Hot glue the pin clasp to the back of the flower.
7. Wear your Poppy Pin with Pride!

Important Dates and Deadlines

Save the Date National Poppy Meeting!

April 9th, 8:00 P.M. EST. 3rd Quarterly Poppy Committee Meeting - Department Chairs, Department Presidents, and Department Secretary are all encouraged to attend.

May 15th, 2025, Department Annual Reports Due – Annual reports are due by email to the Division Chairman and National Chairman. The Department's Annual Reports are separate from the Department and Unit Award Reports.

National Poppy Day 2025 - May 23, 2025 (always the Friday before Memorial Day).

June 1st, 2025 Department and Unit Award Nomination Form Completed and Submitted - <https://member.legion-aux.org/National-Awards-Form>

Resources

National Poppy Facebook Group

Join us on Social Media for additional information and ideas. Do not forget to answer the questions!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAPoppy>

Poppy Program Engagement Plan

<https://member.legion-aux.org/Member/Committees/Poppy/Get-Involved-Poppy>

Questions?

Poppy@ALAforVeterans.org

Poppy Annual Reporting Guidelines

<https://member.legion-aux.org/Member/Poppy-Annual-Reporting-Guidelines>