

Paper Poppy Activities

On Memorial Day in the United States, you are sure to see red paper poppies being sold, worn, and displayed in memory of members of the armed forces that gave their life in the line of duty. You can observe Memorial Day with the young people in your life by making your own red paper poppies and sharing the reason behind it with them.

We've have prepared three easy activities that use common items you might already have around the house. If your family or community has lost a member of the armed forces in the line of duty, remember them by writing their name on the back of your poppy.

The Wisconsin Veterans Museum would like to display paper poppies from around the state to show that Wisconsin will never forget those that gave the ultimate sacrifice. If you would like to add your paper poppies to our display, please send them to the following address. Thank you!



Wisconsin Veterans Museum
Attn: Education Department
30 W. Mifflin St.
Madison, WI 53703

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Paper Poppy Using Cupcake Liner

Supplies:

Paper cupcake liner

Red and black markers or crayons



Color:

Color the outer ring of the cupcake liner red and the center black.



Name of fallen service member: (Optional)

For Memorial Day, write the name of a member of the Armed Forces that died in the line of duty on the back of the paper poppy. It can be someone from your family, community, or a name from a list of casualties.

Finished poppy:



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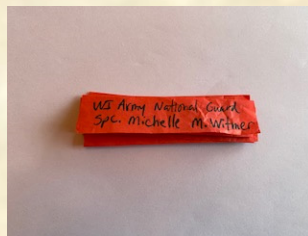
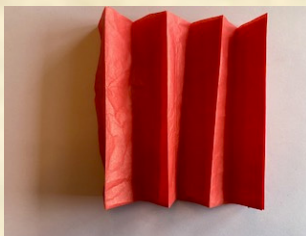
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Paper Poppy Using Tissue Paper

Supplies: Two pieces of red tissue paper (about 3" x 6", or 4" x 8"), wire twist tie, black marker.



Step 1: With the two pieces of tissue paper stacked to create two layers, accordion fold the tissue paper back and forth. Optional – For Memorial Day, write the name of a member of the Armed Forces that died in the line of duty on the back of the paper poppy. It can be someone from your family, community, or a name from a list of casualties.



Step 2: Secure the wire twist tie around the middle of the folded tissue paper. Gently separate the two layers of tissue paper.



Step 3: Use the black marker to color the center of the tissue paper flower.

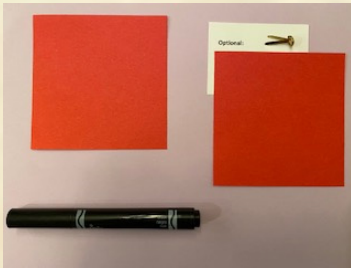


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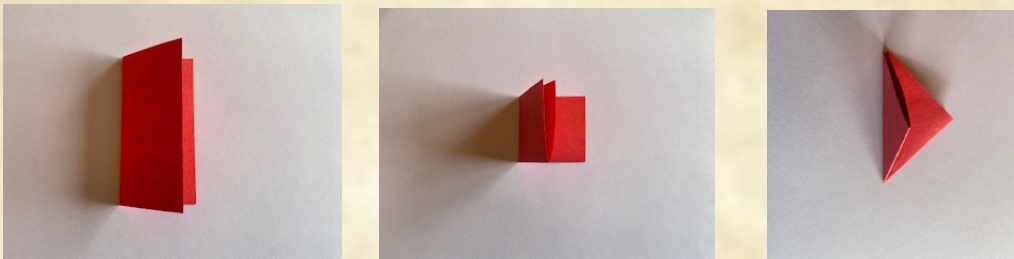
Paper Poppy Using Construction Paper

Supplies:

One square of red construction paper (about 3" or 4" square), black marker or crayon, optional second square of red construction paper and paper fastener or staple.



Step 1: Fold paper in half. Fold in half again. Then fold diagonally, center to outside corner.



Step 2: Draw arch across folded triangle, and cut along that line.



Step 3: Unfold and color the center with black marker. Optional – For Memorial Day, name of a member of the Armed Forces that died in the line of duty on the back of the poppy. It can be someone from your family, community, or a name from a list of casualties. Optional – make a second flower and attach with paper fastener or staple.



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Planting Poppies

Another way to commemorate Memorial Day is to plant poppies in your garden. Below are some steps on how to plant, grow, and care for live poppies:

How to Plant Poppies

Step 1: Go to a local store and buy a packet of seeds.

Step 2: Find a spot in your garden.

Step 3: Follow the instructions on the seed packet.

Step 4: Enjoy!

Gardening tips:

Find an area to plant with lots of sunlight.

Plant 6 to 9 inches apart.

Remove weeds and rake the ground level before planting.

Water before or after adding the seeds.

Press the seeds in, don't cover with soil.



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