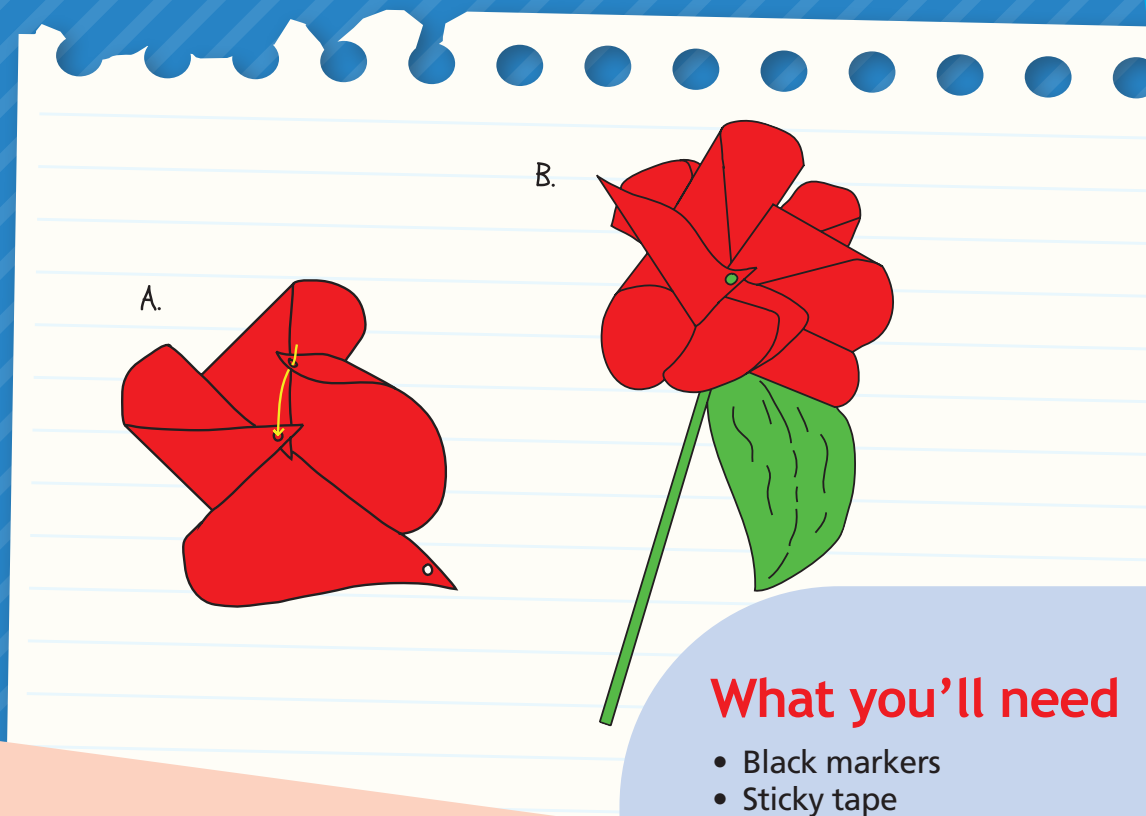


# Poppy pinwheels



## What you'll need

- Black markers
- Sticky tape
- Scissors
- Paper and pencils
- A hole punch
- Remembrance stories available at [girlguiding.org.uk/remembrance](http://girlguiding.org.uk/remembrance)
- Poppy pinwheel templates available at [girlguiding.org.uk/remembrance](http://girlguiding.org.uk/remembrance)

### Per girl:

- 2 pieces of red card
- A small piece of green card
- A paper straw
- A split pin
- String, 5cm

## Note to leader

Taking part in Remembrance is a personal choice. While the girls are making their pinwheels, read out some of the Remembrance stories and allow the girls time to discuss the different experiences. You could also find individual accounts from your local area. These can include people who served in the war or who've helped their community recently.

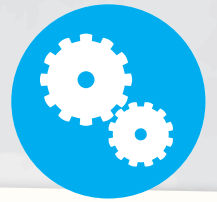
## Aim of activity

Every year, people join together in Remembrance. Create a pinwheel to encourage Remembrance in your community.

## What you'll get out of it

- Discover what Remembrance is and why people take part in it.
- Explore different backgrounds of people we remember.
- Think about how Remembrance makes people feel.
- Make a poppy pinwheel for your community.





Girlguiding and The Royal British Legion are proud to be working together to support the Armed Forces community and help girls and young women explore the importance of Remembrance.

If you want to find out more about Remembrance visit The Royal British Legion's website at [rbl.org.uk/teachingremembrance](http://rbl.org.uk/teachingremembrance).

## What to do

**1** Think of someone who's helped you in the past. Maybe it's a family member, a friend or a leader. Can you think of someone who keeps you safe and protected that you might not know personally, like a nurse or doctor? Share your ideas.

No matter who you are, there are people who'll go to great lengths to protect and support us all. Today people like nurses, teachers, postal workers, food delivery drivers, doctors and police officers work hard to support us and keep us safe. All those who've fought for and supported our country during wartime efforts have protected us and our freedoms.

Every year on 11 November, people choose to remember them by taking part in Remembrance.

**2** Have you taken part in Remembrance? It's OK if you haven't, it's a personal choice. For those of you who have, why did you choose to take part?

**3** There are so many ways you can take part in Remembrance - from being part of a community service to personal reflection. Or you can create an art display for your local community!

Everyone grab a set of items and follow the poppy pinwheel instructions. Your leader will read out some Remembrance stories whilst you make your poppy pinwheel.

## Poppy pinwheel

- First, using the black marker, colour the top of your split pin and leave it to dry.
- Using the template, cut out the shape of your poppy pinwheel on each piece of your red card. Make sure you cut all the dotted lines on the template.
- Using the hole punch, create a hole where each of the solid black dots are on the template. Do this on both pieces of red card, then make a hole in the middle of each piece of red card.
- Fold the pointed end of each of your pieces of red card to their middle (like picture A).
- Place one of your folded pieces of red card on top of the other (like picture B) and secure together by threading a split pin through the holes you made. You've made a poppy!
- Using sticky tape, attach a straw to the back of your poppy. This is your stalk.

**4** Chat about the Remembrance stories your leader read out. What did you think about their stories? Why do you think we should remember these people? How does the act of Remembrance make you feel?

**5** Choose one of the stories you heard. Write or draw something about them on your piece of green card. When you're done, cut this out into a leaf shape. Add a punch hole and attach it to your stalk using some string.

**6** Finally, think about where you're going to place your poppy pinwheels in the community. Maybe you'll hand them out to people or create a display in a community space.