

Remembering . . . 8" x 8" Finished Block (8½"x8½" unfinished)

Fabric Requirements:

One piece of **light blue** (sky piece) fabric 7 1/2" x 7 1/2"

One piece of **gold** fabric 3" x 12" - cut this piece into one 3" X 3" square (to be used in the corner half-square triangle) and one 3" x 9" rectangle (to be used for the ground below the poppies).

Two pieces of **navy/dark blue** fabric 2" x 7" for top and right side border & one 3"x3" square for half-square triangle.

3 - 4" Circles of **Poppy red** fabric for Poppy yo-yos

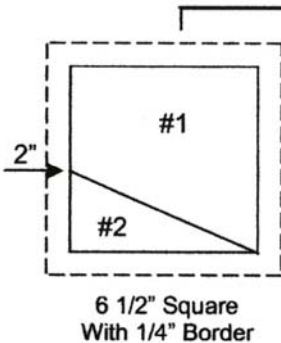
3 - 2" Circles of **Black** fabric for Poppy Center yo-yos

1 piece of **green** fabric for stems . . . Cut a 5" square to make 3/4" bias strips for hand appliqué or use template drawn pieces for machine appliqué.

Create the Background Block for your poppies:

The simple way to create this block is to create a paper-pieced block. Using a light weight paper (I like to use the pulp paper from children's drawing books that I purchase from the dollar store because it tears off easily without distorting your sewing lines) draw a 6 1/2" square. Draw a line from the bottom **right** corner *** this is important because you are drawing a reverse of your finished block **** to a mark that is 2" up from the bottom **left** corner. Now add a 1/4" line around the whole block - this is your 1/4" seam line. The large piece will be the sky blue fabric #1.

Use your 3" x 9" rectangle for #2. Remember you must paper-piece from the wrong side of your paper.



The Poppy became the Canadian symbol of remembrance in 1921.

Tip: After placing my #1 piece (centered on the block) - I place a pin at either end of my sewing line on the drawing side of my pattern. This gives me a visual idea of where my sewing line will stop and start on the sewing side of my block.

Make your appliqué overlay using this drawing . . . It is the correct size to fit your 6 1/2" square block.

Appliqué a Poppy Yo-Yo on all three circles. Remember flowers are all different shapes and sizes, so don't worry if they don't fit the circle perfectly!

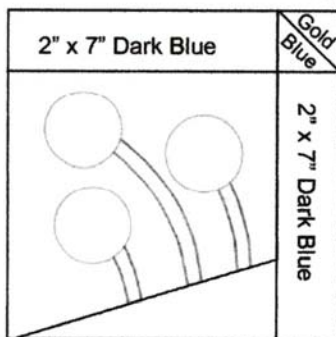
Create six poppy yo-yos - three red and three black.

Before closing your red yo-yo's sew one small black yo-yo to the center (on the wrong side of your red fabric) of each red fabric yo-yo. You can close up tight the black yo-yos by placing a couple of stitches across the top of the yo-yo - leave the opening on the red yo-yo so the black shows through.

See pictures below.



Borders: Add one of your navy/blue 2" x 7" pieces to the right side of your Poppy base block. Join your half-square triangle to the other 2" x 7" navy/blue strip. Making sure that the gold corner of your half-square triangle is facing out. Add to top of block.



Half-Square Triangle Corner 2" X 2":

Create your half-square triangle with the 3"x 3" squares of gold and navy/blue fabric.

I use the "make two at a time" method by placing the fabric squares right side facing each other and then draw a line from corner to corner - sew a 1/4" seam on either side of this line - finally cut on your line. You will create two half-square triangles, but only use one in this block. Trim it down to 2". This helps me make more accurate half-square triangles. Use your favourite method.

Green Stems
Light Blue Background

Gold Ground