



Remembrance lesson activities – KS1

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Make a Poppy Wreath

Poppies have been a symbol of Remembrance in Britain since 1921. The famous poem written in 1915 by Canadian doctor John McCrae *In Flanders Fields* had described poppies growing in the battlefields despite the devastation. Inspired by this poem, poppies were first made and sold in the USA after the Armistice to support veterans. One year after the burial of the Unknown Warrior, the (Royal) British Legion ordered nine million of these poppies for the first ever Poppy Appeal. Poppies are now made in the UK and the funds raised each year directly support the Armed Services community.

Task:

To make a poppy wreath for display in your classroom or school

Resources:

Paper plates

Red paper or red tissue paper

Black paper or black tissue paper

Green paper or green tissue paper

Glue sticks

Circle to draw around approx. 1cm across, for example a glue stick

Provided in this resource:

Poppy petal templates

Leaf template

Images of Remembrance crosses, crescents and the Star of David

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Instructions:

Take a paper plate and:

- Cut out the centre of the plate so you end up with a ring.
- Or you can leave the centre to create a picture in the middle.

To make the poppies:

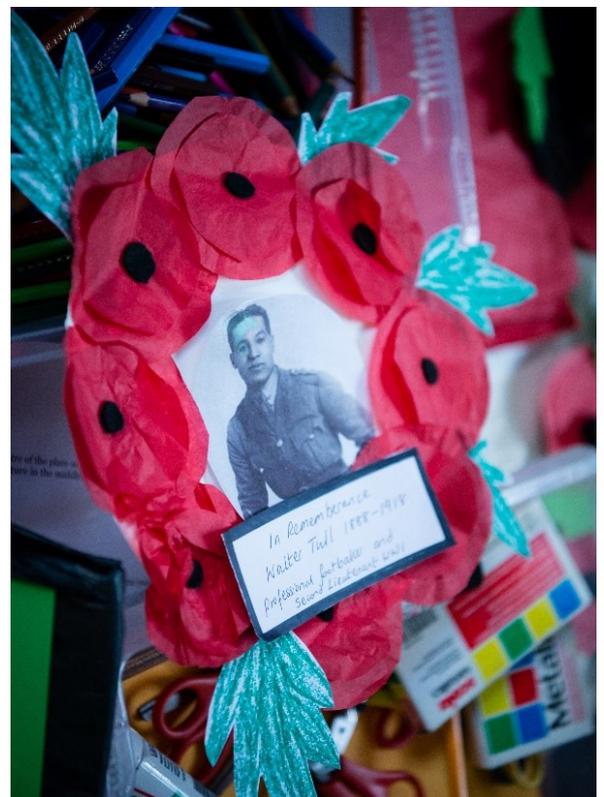
- On red paper draw around the larger poppy petal template making about 8 poppies.
- If using tissue paper, put 4 layers together and draw around the larger poppy petal template. Do this twice so you have 8 poppies.
- Do the same for the smaller poppy petal template.
- Lay smaller petals on top of the larger petals and stick down, just in the centre.
- Either cut out a black circle or screw a piece of black tissue into a ball to make the poppy .
- Glue in place.
- Fluff up the poppy petals.

To make the leaves:

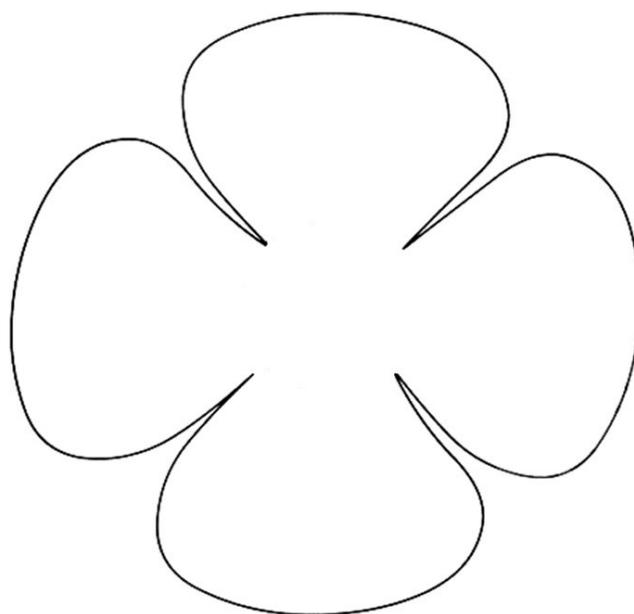
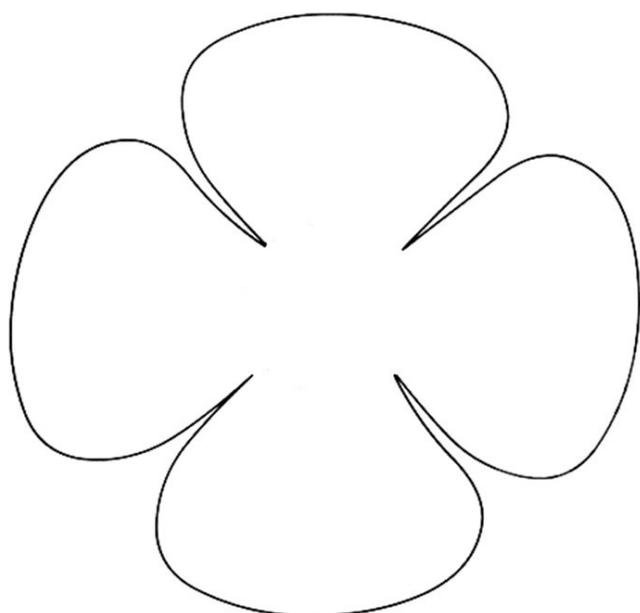
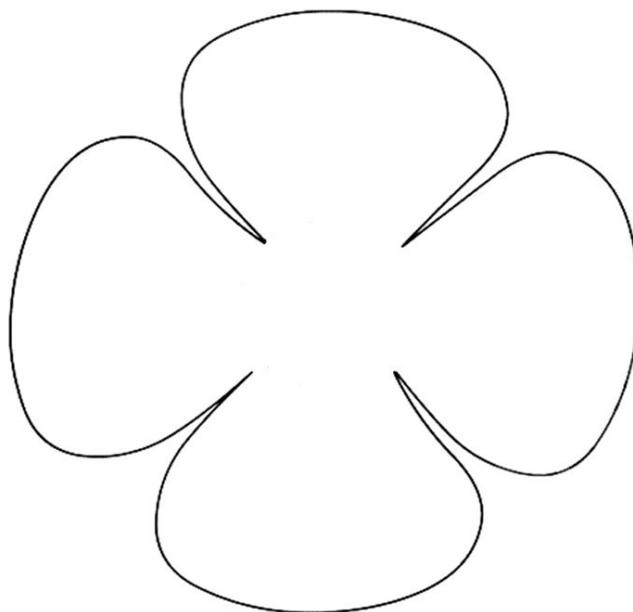
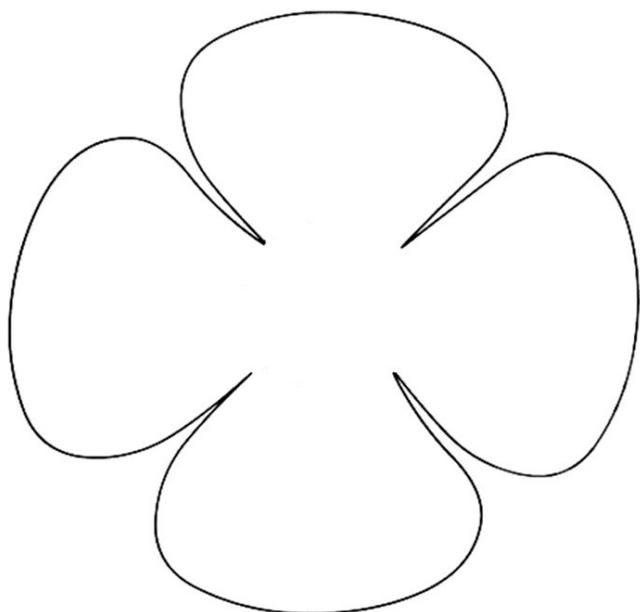
- Draw around leaf template to make 4 leaves.
- Cut these out.
- Arrange your leaves and poppies around the Paper plate to make your wreath.

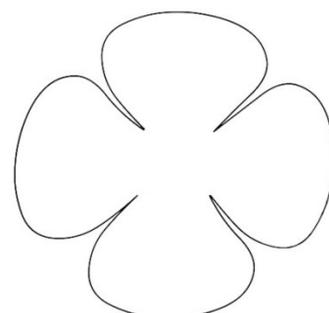
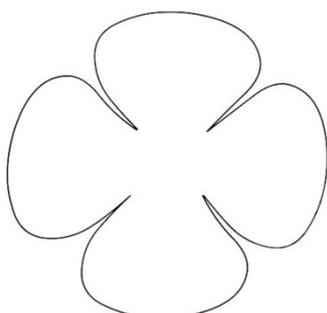
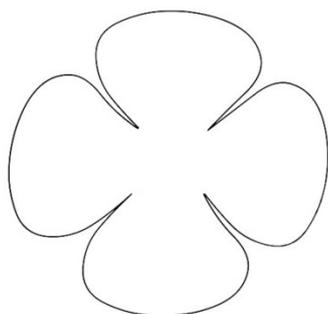
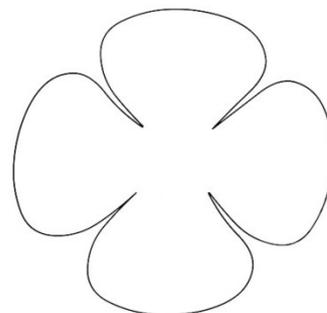
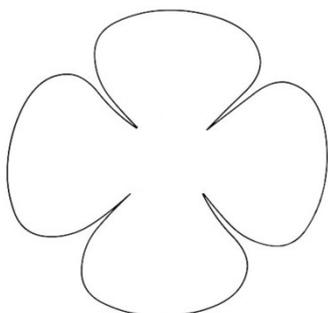
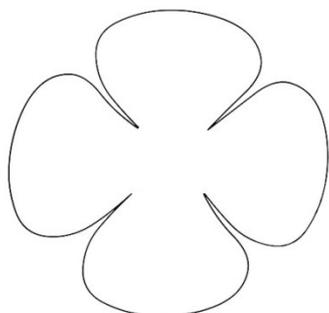
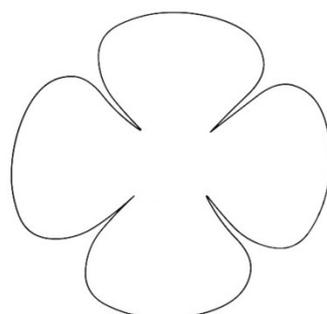
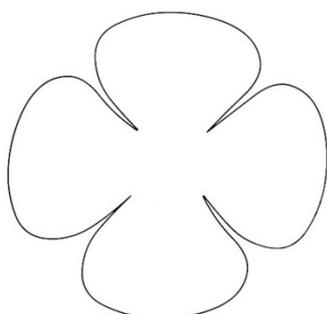
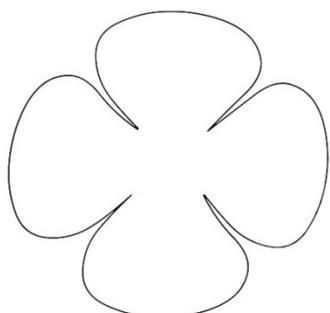
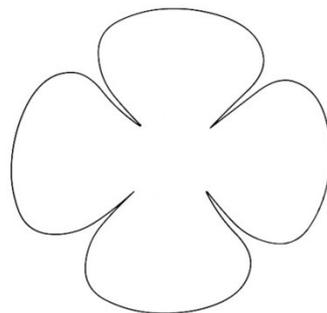
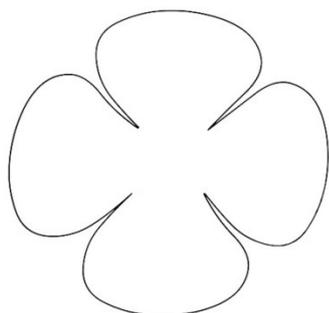
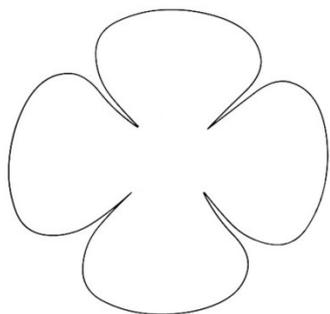
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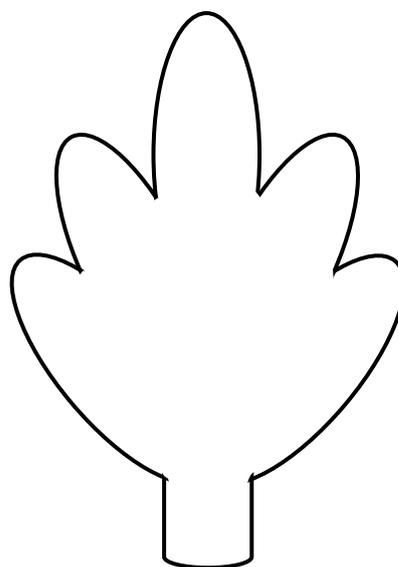
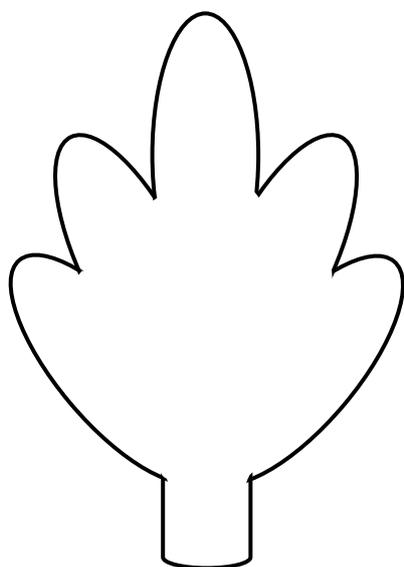
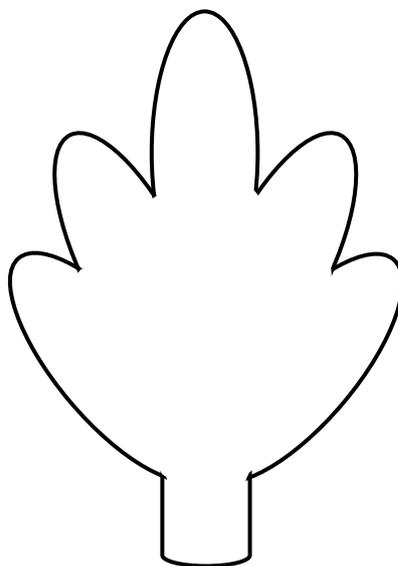
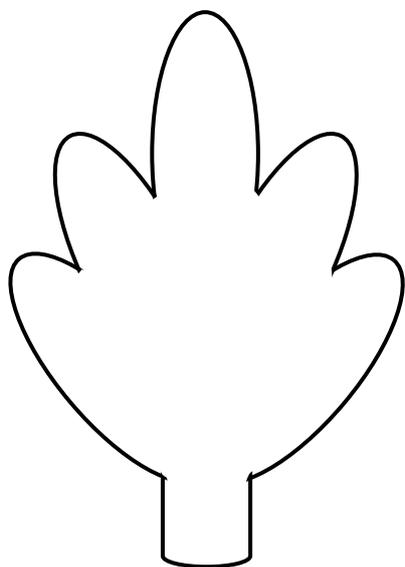
- Stick an image of a Remembrance cross / crescent / Star of David in the centre of the wreath.
- Write: We will remember them.
- Write or draw your own message or picture



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