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Why do we wear a red poppy in November?

We wear a red poppy pinned to our t shirts, jumpers, caps, or somewhere else, to show support for our country's military forces and the important job that they do to protect us. It is also a way to remember those who died in past conflicts and wars, so that we do not need to fight and can live our lives in peace and freedom.

Why a poppy?

This goes back to the First World War and the Western Front.

After the destruction made by the artillery and bombs, poppies somehow managed to grow while not much else did.

When do we wear a poppy?

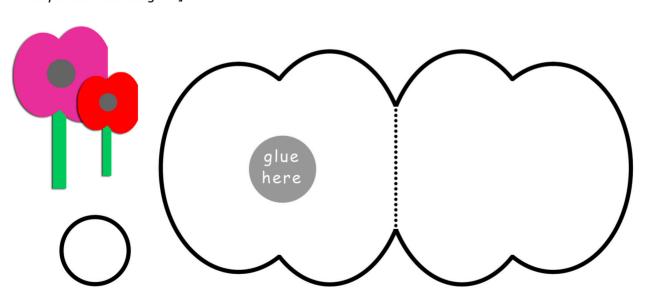
Around the 11th of November.



How old is this tradition?

In Great Britain, wearing a paper poppy began in 1921, when it became the official emblem of the Royal British Legion. Poppies were sold to raise money for veterans and their families, just like today.

To discover more about the poppy story, visit the Royal British Legion's website. (https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/about-remembrance/the-poppy). [The Worcestershire Militaria Museum is not affiliated or connected to the Royal British Legion].



Buying and wearing a poppy in November will show that you care, but if you can't wait till then, why not make a colourful poppy.

Just colour in the parts, fold and glue the poppy's head and stalk together.

Then stick on the stalk and circle.