Katherine's Short-row Sideways Poppy Pattern.

Worked in garter stitch throughout.

Choose your needles to suit your yarn – this can be knitted in 8 ply, 12 ply or novelty yarn.

To knit this pattern, you need to know how to "turn" before the end of a row, without making a hole.

To "turn", first bring the yarn to the front of the work (between the needles), and then slip the next stitch from the left hand needle onto the right hand needle. Now take the yarn to the back, and then slip the stitch back onto the left hand needle without twisting it. (The yarn is now laced around the stitch that has been slipped forth and back.) Now turn your work. The yarn will now be at the front, so again take it to the back, in the gap between the two needles. This all has the result that the yarn pulls the two sides of the turn together when you do the next row: no hole.

Cast on ten stitches in red yarn. Leave a tail of about ten centimetres.

First and second row: Knit ten stitches

Third row: Knit eight stitches, turn. (Two stitches will be left behind, as it were.)

Fourth row: Knit eight stitches.

Fifth row: Knit six stitches, turn. (Now two more stitches are left behind.)

Sixth row: Knit six stitches.

Seventh row: Knit four stitches, turn.

Eighth row: Knit four stitches.

Ninth row: Knit two stitches, turn.

Tenth row: Knit two stitches.

Eleventh row: Repeat seventh row;

Twelfth row: Repeat eighth row.

Thirteenth row: Repeat fifth row; Fourteenth row: Repeat sixth row.

Fifteenth row: Repeat third row; Sixteenth row: Repeat fourth row.

These sixteen rows form the pattern. Repeat as many times as you like, until you are happy with how ruffled your poppy is going to be. You can make it cup-like, flat or rippled, depending on how many repeats you do.

Cast off, and leave a tail. Use the tail from the cast-on to gather up the "short edge" into as small a circle as possible, and use the tail from the cast-off to mattress-stitch the first and last rows together. Sew on a black or green button for a centre, either using the tails or a scrap of green or black yarn.