

Remembrance

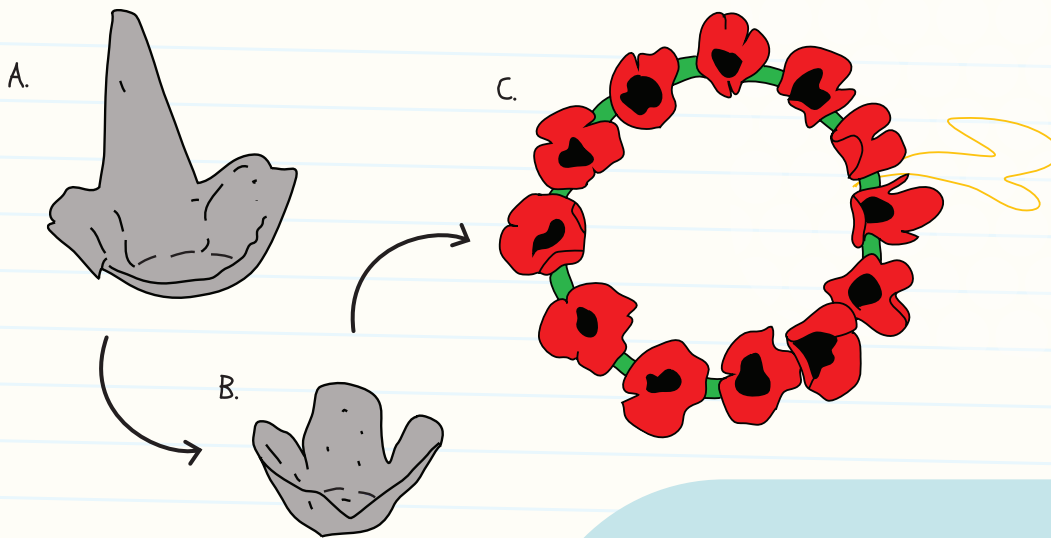


60 mins



Give it a go

# A wreath to remember



## Aim of activity

Remembrance is something that happens across the world. Create your own Remembrance artwork to show your reflections and thoughts.

## What you'll get out of it

- Create a Remembrance wreath.
- Discover how Remembrance links to a wide range of communities.
- Explore stories of those who've served/serve their communities.
- Think about different ways people can take part in Remembrance.

## What you'll need

### Per wreath:

- Egg cartons – see 'Note to leader'
- A paper plate with a stiff wide rim or a 2-3cm wide cardboard circle
- A selection of paint: red, black and green
- Paintbrushes
- A plate to put paint on
- A pen
- Scissors
- Glue
- String or ribbon, 40cm
- Remembrance stories available at [girlguiding.org.uk/remembrance](http://girlguiding.org.uk/remembrance)
- Table coverings (optional)

## Note to leader

Taking part in Remembrance is a personal choice. Before you start, decide if girls make wreaths in pairs or individually. For each wreath you'll need roughly 12-15 egg cups from an egg carton.



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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** What do you know about Remembrance? What do you picture when you think of Remembrance, and who do you think it's for?

### Remembrance

Remembrance is when we take time to think about and thank those who've protected us - it's observed in many different ways and in many different countries across the world. In the UK, we thank British and Commonwealth soldiers across the world for their service, as well as those who protect and support us by serving their communities at home. Each year on 11 November, people choose to remember them by taking part in Remembrance.

**2** If you were to take part in Remembrance, what sort of things would you do? There are so many ways you can take part in Remembrance - from being part of a community service to personal reflection and creating crafts. How could you spread the message of Remembrance in your local community? Use the instructions to create your own wreath to spread the message far and wide.

**3** Whilst you're making your wreath and waiting for the paint to dry, look at the Remembrance stories. Some are from people who protected us in the war and some who serve their community now. What does each account make you think about? Did anything surprise you?

### Remembrance wreath instructions

- First, create the base of the wreath. Paint the rim of your paper plate green. When it's dry, cut out the middle.
- Cut the cups from your egg cartons to make your poppies (like picture A). Using a pen, draw three lines (equally apart) inside your cup from the edge to the bottom.
- Cut down the lines to the base of each cup to create three petals - but make sure you don't cut the petals off the bottom of the cup! They won't be perfectly equal but that's alright. If your egg cup already has a cut or gap, use this as one of your lines.
- Using scissors, cut the top of your petals into a curve like in picture B.
- Paint the petals red. When they're dry, add a blob of black paint to the middle of the inside of each poppy.
- Once everything's dry, stick your poppies onto the wreath using glue (like picture C). Then make a hole in the rim of your paper plate and thread your string through it so you can hang it up. You've made your own Remembrance wreath!

**4** Your wreath is one way to take part in Remembrance. Can you think of anybody who might want to take part in a different way, and how they could do this? For example, a virtual wreath laying ceremony might work well for older people who can't leave their house as easily. What could be a new way for younger generations to take part?

**5** Together decide how you're going to display your wreaths. You could hand them out to members of your local community or create a display in a local community space.