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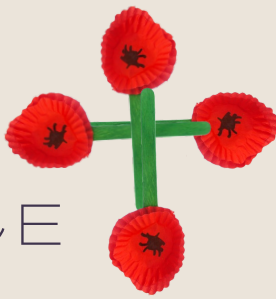


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MAKE A REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPY



Did you know that Remembrance Day was first called Armistice Day? On November 11, 1918, an agreement called an "armistice" was signed to end World War I. So November 11 became a holiday called Armistice Day to remember those who served in that war. After World War II, the name was changed to Remembrance Day to honor veterans from both wars. And people started wearing red poppies to remember the sacrifices of all those who protect our freedoms and work for peace. So whenever you see someone wearing a red poppy on November 11th, you can remind them it originally started as Armistice Day over 100 years ago!

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Follow these steps to create a red memorial poppy using cupcake liners:

Supplies Needed:

2 red cupcake liners

- Scissors
- Tape
- Black marker

Flip the cupcake liners over and cut slits around the edges to make petals.

Make one liner smaller.

Tape the two liners together, with the smaller one stacked on top.

Draw a black dot in the centre of the top liner.

Tape a craft stick to the back.

Your homemade poppy is ready! Display it to honour veterans on Remembrance Day.

Poppies for Peace

Did you know poppies only grew on the battlefields after World War I ended?

The churned up soil allowed the bright red flowers to bloom. Poppies became a symbol of the sacrifice during war that allowed peace to grow again. So every Remembrance Day, people wear poppies to hope for peace and remember those who fought for freedom.



Two Minute Silence

On Remembrance Day, there is a special two minute silence at 11am. It marks the anniversary of the end of World War I on November 11, 1918.

The silence honours those who died in war. People stand still and quiet for two minutes to remember. Even Big Ben, the giant UK clock tower, stops its chimes during the silence. Listen for the two minute silence next Remembrance Day.