"Poppy" by Janice Blair

11 pair bobbins
DMC Perle 8 cotton or equivalent thread
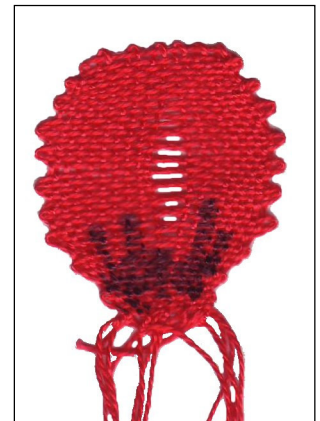(Cordonnet or tatting 20, or Altin Basak)

Fill 11 bobbins fully. Tie ends onto 10 empty Bobbins. Add 1 yard to last bobbin for worker pr.
Make 4, 5 or 6 petals depending on type of flower you make. Empty bobbins can be tied to full ones for each petal.

Hang on 9 pairs, with the worker at the pin marked 2. Work in cloth stitch (xtx) with a winkie pin edge, (one twist around pin).
Add two extra pairs on either side. Work twists down center going from one twist up to 4 and then reverse number of twists back to 1. At 5th pin from end of petal throw out four threads, do not use edge pairs and throw out alternate threads from the petal on either side. At 3rd pin from edge do the same. When finished, tie knots in pairs to secure. Cut off threads from bobbins leaving different lengths of thread. Make other petals. Whilst on the pillow, draw lines with permanent marker for shading. Do NOT starch.

Remove petals from pillow to make up into flower. Cut ½" circle of black felt for center or, if for other flowers, use yellow felt. Cut piece of floral wire 7" long and fold in half. Pierce both ends through center of felt to use for stem. Place 2 petal faces together and wrap a thread around, tie with another thread. Take wire ends and push through center of petals pulling wire down until felt is between both petals. Place other petals either side of first 2 and tie around. Cut away some of the excess thread and wrap with floral tape to form into a flower.

Make many, but if you want to wear your Poppy please remember to make a donation on Poppy Day.

11 pr DMC Perle 8   Add twists, 1,2,3,4,3,2,1

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cloth stitch, winkie pin edge