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Plastic bottle poppy

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Let us begin with a little bit of history

Flowers are used as a symbol of the memory of veterans, war wounded, widows and orphans. These flowers are different depending on the country: in France it is the cornflower, in Belgium the daisy. The poppy is the flower of Remembrance of Commonwealth countries.

Method

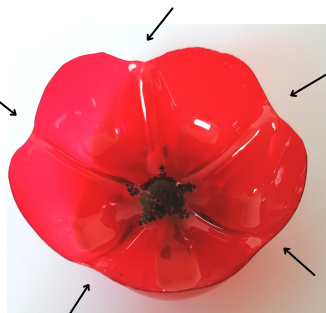
You need:

- plastic bottle (any size but the bottom should not be flat)
- Stanley knife
- scissors
- black marker
- candle
- if the bottle is transparent or not red : red acrylic paint and paintbrushes



Attention, the help of an adult is necessary to use the Stanley knife

- Using the Stanley knife, cut the bottle, around 2 or 3 cm above the indentations
- With the scissors, redesign the shape of the petals, make sure to reach the lowest point on the crease





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- *If the bottle is already red :*
- Draw the centre using the black marker
- It is possible to finish here or to crease the petals

Attention, the help of an adult is necessary to use the candle

- Carefully approach one of the petals close to the candle, keeping a 5cm distance. The plastic will quickly warp. Start again with the other petals

- *If the bottle is not red:*
- Paint the external side of the bottle. Let it dry. Then paint the inside of the bottle. Let it dry
- Draw the centre using the black marker

Attention, do not use the candle if the the bottle has been painted

*Do not hesitate to share your creation with us
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