

How to Make a Pretty Patriotic Poppy Pin

- **Gather your materials:**
 - Red & black man-made fabric (we'll be using a heat gun to melt it), preferably with some stiffness (to prevent finished Poppy from "wilting").
 - Small piece of backing (cardboard-like material approximately 2" by 1")
 - Alligator clip or pin
 - Bling for centerpiece, if desired
 - Heat Gun-- available at craft stores. Preferably a model that 'blows' air.
 - Glue gun
- **For a Poppy that is 3" in diameter when complete, cut fabric into 2 red & 1 black circle:**
 - Red: one 3.5" in diameter, one 2.75" in diameter
 - Black: one 1.5" in diameter
- **Melt the edges of each piece**
 - Work on a heat proof surface
 - May use a glass slightly smaller in diameter to hold the fabric circle down while using your heat gun to blow the edges of the fabric up until it melts and 'ruffles'. Spin the fabric until melted all the way around. Another option is to hold the fabric down along the edges with a spoon and blowing the edge, moving the spoon as the section melts.
- **Assemble the flower**
 - Carefully stack the ruffled fabric circles (turning individual pieces as needed) and center "bling" if using. Set aside.
 - Place a piece of backing on your surface and add some hot glue to it. Quickly place your assembled flower (from the step above) on to backing, pressing firmly. Depending on the fabric used, you may or may not need to glue individual elements.
- **Glue alligator clip or pin to backing.**
- **Put on your pretty patriotic Poppy pin!**

