

# Make a May Flower

## Community Art Project

Thank you for your interest in taking part in our community art project.

We are inviting as many people as possible to help us to make a May Flower which will be added to a willow Mayflower Ship lantern.

The lantern will be displayed at two of our signature events taking place on Sunday 10 May and Saturday 14 November 2020.

In this pack you will find three templates for you to try. These are:

- A May Flower template using card or a milk bottle (ideal for children)
- Loom Flowers
- A crochet May Flower pattern
- A knitted May Flower pattern
- Easy knit and easy crochet pattern

Please note materials are not provided for this activity.

The deadline to deliver your May Flowers is **Friday 1 May 2020**.

**Please drop off your May Flowers to:**

West Lindsey District Council  
Marshall's Yard, Gainsborough, DN21 2NA.  
*Open Monday to Friday*  
**You can also post to the above address**

Gainsborough Old Hall  
Parnell Street, Gainsborough, DN21 2NB.  
*Open everyday*

OR

The Pilgrims Gallery at the Bassetlaw Museum  
40 Grove Street, Retford, DN22 6LD  
*Open Monday to Saturday*



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## May Flower (Hawthorn) template

You can use this template to make Mayflower using **card** or a **milk bottle**.

You will need a **split drawing pin**, **pen** or **pencil** and a **pair of scissors**.

1. Cut out the shapes below
2. Use them as a stencil to draw on your card or milk bottle
3. Decorate your petals as much as you like!
4. Place the top layer petal on top of the bottom layer petal
5. Place the stamens on top of each layer of petal
6. Using a split drawing pin put a hole through the middle of all three layers.

**And you're done!**

### Stamens

Cut the circle out first, then cut "pieces of cake" out all the way round like the shaded areas here.



Bottom  
Layer  
Petals

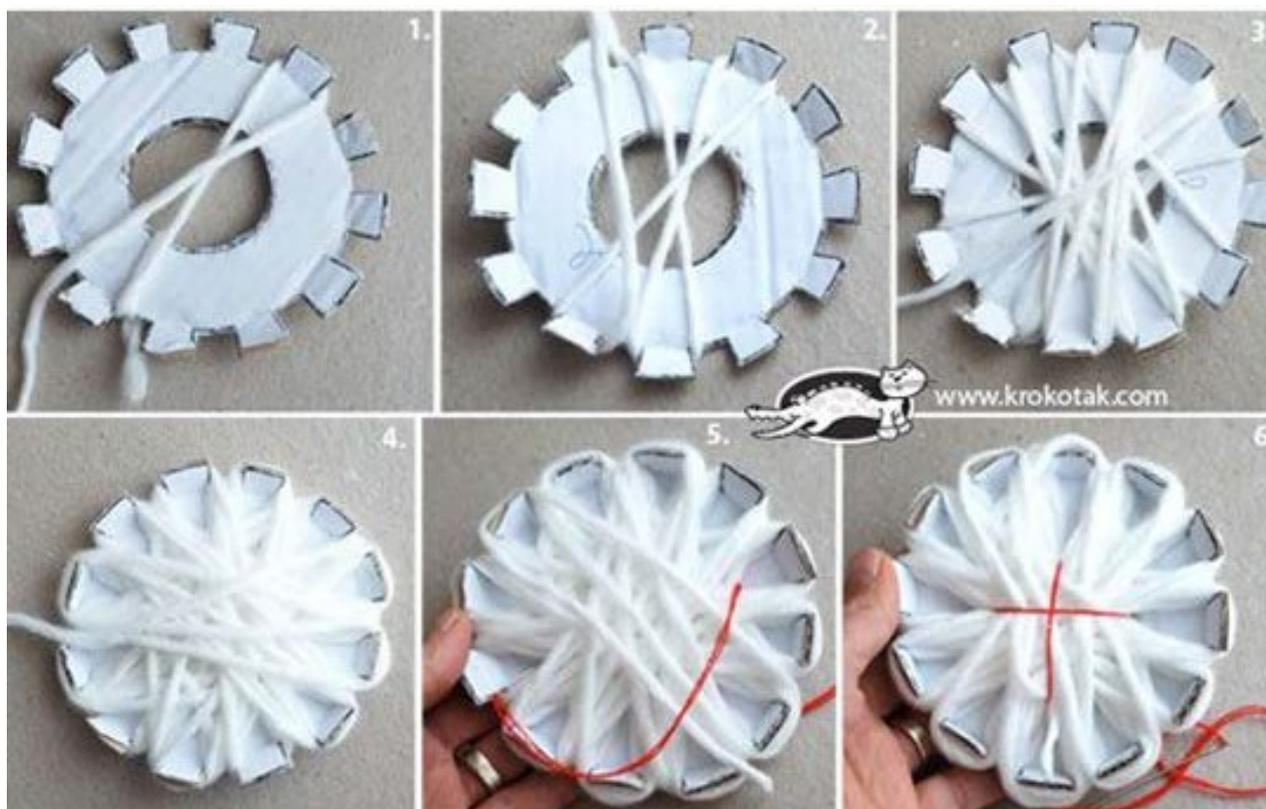
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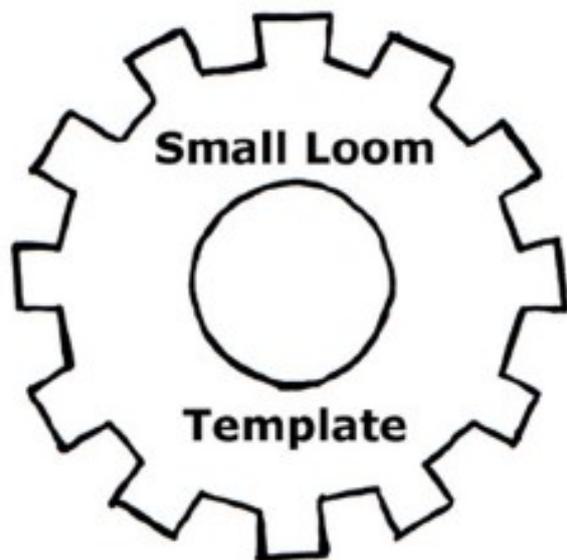
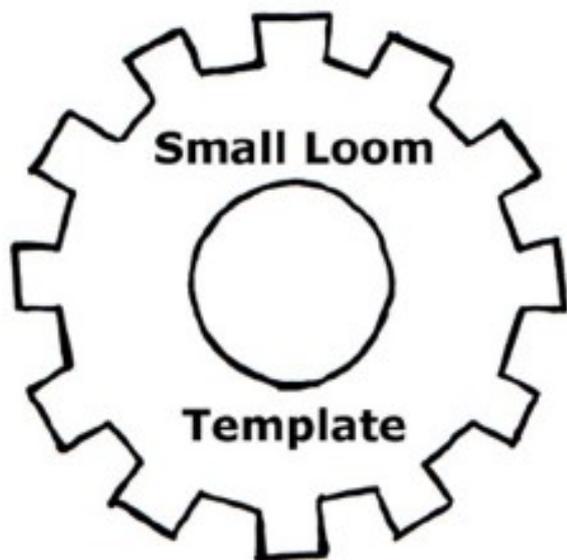
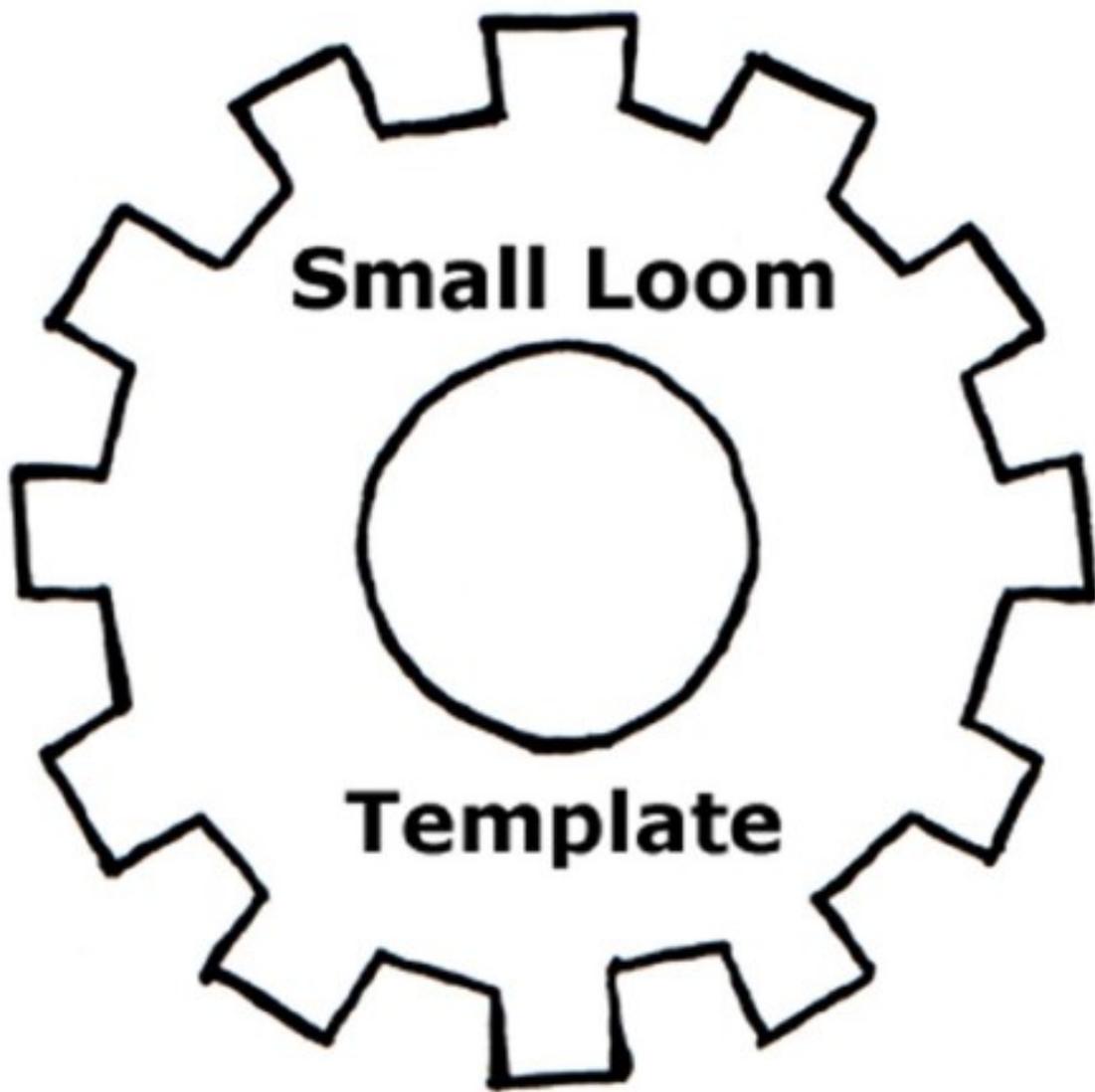
## Loom Flowers

You can use this template to make loom flowers using **wool or raffia**.

You will need a some **card**, a **pen** or a **pencil** and a **pair of scissors**.

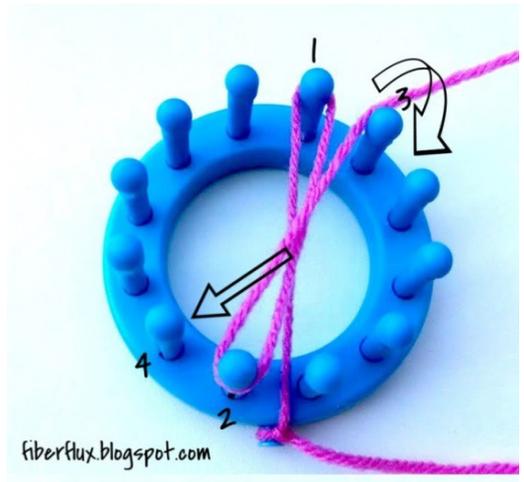
1. Cut a 'loom' from strong card or plastic sheet (margarine tubs) using the template on the next page.
2. Wind the wool (or raffia) as shown, securing with a good number of cross stitches across the centre of the flower (using the template hole to access the back of the flower) and lift the finished flower off the loom.
3. Do 3 layers and push down.
4. Flip the loom over and bring both tails (you'll have to pull one of them of the anchor peg) to the back and tie off with 3 knots to make sure it is secure.
5. Working from back to front, come up from the back in between two "petals" and go back in with the needle to the in between area directly across.
6. Do the same thing going the other way, this will make a "plus sign".
7. Continue until each in-between petal space has contrasting yarn in between it.
8. Flip the loom over once more and knot it securely.
9. Once secure, unhook the petals to take off the loom.





# Examples of how to make loom flowers





## Crochet May Flower - worked in rounds

*You can use any other pattern you have if you prefer, as long as it looks like a Hawthorn flower – i.e. has five rounded petals and is cream or white with yellow, pink or white stamens in the centre.*

1. Using cream or white yarn, make a 4 chain, join with a slip stitch to make a circle. 10dc into the circle, join with sl st. (10 stitches)
2. 3ch, 2tr into each dc, join with sl st. (20 stitches)
3. To make 5 petals (3ch, 1tr into base of 3ch, 2dbl tr into next tr, 2 dbl tr into next tr, 1tr into next tr, 3ch, sl st into same space as the tr you have just made, sl st into next tr).  
  
Repeat x 4.
4. (dc into middle of 3 ch from previous round, dc into tr, dc into each of 4 dbl tr, dc into tr, dc into middle of 3 ch, dc into sl st between petals). Repeat x 4.
5. Fasten off.
6. Make a tassel by wrapping yarn around two fingers and tying a knot around the middle and cutting the loops. Sew onto the centre of the flower and leave tails of approx 6 inches / 15cm for tying to the ship.

## Crochet May Leaf

1. Using green yarn make 14 chain
2. 1dc into second ch from hook, dc into next 2 ch, hlf tr into next 2 ch, tr into next 4 ch, hlf tr into next 2 ch, dc into next ch, 3dc into last ch.
3. Working down the other side of the chain, work dc into next ch, hlf tr into next 2 ch, tr into next 4 ch, hlf tr into next 2 ch, dc into next 3 ch, turn.
4. 3 ch, 1tr into first dc, 2ch, dbl tr into next 2 dc, 4ch ss into hlf tr, ss into hlf tr, 5ch, triple tr into next 3 tr, 5ch, ss into next tr, ss into hlf tr, 4 ch, dbl tr into next hlf tr, dbl tr into next dc, 4 ch, ss into same place as last dbl tr, ss into next dc, 3ch, 2 tr into end dc, 3 ch, ss into next dc.
5. Working down the other side of the leaf, ss 4ch and dbl tr into next dc, dbl tr into hlf tr, 4 ch, ss into hlf tr, ss into tr, 5 ch, triple tr into next 3 tr, 5 ch, ss into hlf tr, ss into next hlf tr, 4 ch, dbl tr into next 2 dc, 1ch, tr into next dc, 3 ch, ss into end space on the starting chain.

### **Abbreviations:**

**Ch** = chain    **dc** = double crochet    **dbl tr** = double treble    **hlf tr** = half treble  
**tr** = treble    **triple tr** = triple treble    **ss** = slip stitch



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## **Knitted May Flower**

*Petals are made separately then knitted together.*

*You can use any other pattern you have if you prefer, as long as it looks like a Hawthorn flower – i.e. has five rounded petals and is cream or white with yellow, pink or white stamens in the centre.*

Using cream or white yarn, cast on 6 stitches.

K (6 stitches)

K1, k fr and b into next 4 stitches, k1 (10 stitches)

K

K1, k fr and b into next 8 stitches, k1 (18 stitches)

*Rows 5 to 12 – knit.*

13. K1, k2tog x6 (12 stitches)

14. K

15. K

16. K1, k2tog x4 (8 stitches)

17. K

18. K

*Save each petal on a spare needle. Make 4 more petals, then join them by knitting across them all as follows.*

19. K (40 stitches)

20. K2, k2tog x 9, k2 (29 stitches)

21. K

22. K

23. K2tog across row

24. K

25. Cast off.

Sew first and last petal together. Make a tassel by wrapping yarn around four fingers and tying a knot around the middle and cutting the loops. Sew onto the centre of the flower.

**Go to the next page to make a knitted May Leaf.**

### **Abbreviations:**

**k** = knit

**k fr and b** = increase by knitting into the front and back of the stitch.

**k2tog** = decrease by knitting 2 stitches together



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# Knitted May leaf

Cast on 3 stitches

Row 1 – 3 k3

Row 4 k3 then cast on 5 at the end of the row (8 stitches)

Row 5 k6 p1 k1 then cast on 5 at the end of the row (13 stitches)

Rows 6, 7 and 8. k6 p1 k6

Row 9 cast off 2 k3 p1 k6 (11 stitches on needle)

Row 10 cast off 2 k3 p1 k4 (9 stitches)

Row 11 and 12 k4 p1 k4

Row 13 cast on 2 then k6 p1 k4

Row 14 cast on 2 then k6 p1 k6

Row 15 and 16 k6 p1 k6

Row 17 cast off 3 k2 p1 k6

Row 18 cast off 3 k2 p1 k3 (7 stitches)

Row 19 and 20 k3 p1 k3

Row 21 cast on 2 then k5 p1 k3

Row 22 cast on 2 then k5 p1 k5

Row 23 and 24 k5 p1 k5

Row 25 cast off 3 k1 p1 k5

Row 26 cast off 3 k1 p1 k2 (5 stitches)

Row 27 and 28 k2 p1 k2

Row 29 k2tog p1 k2tog

Row 30 cast off



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## Easy Crochet Mayflower

### Flower

Ch4, join with sl st into 1<sup>st</sup> ch

\*Ch4

3 tr trb into centre ring

Ch4

Sl st into central ring\*

Repeat \* - \* 4 more times

Sl st into bottom of 1<sup>st</sup> petal chain

### Stamens

Wrap wool around finger approx 15 times. Tie yarn around middle. Sew into the centre of the flower. Snip loops and trim to correct length.

### Abbreviations

**Ch** = Chain

**Sl st** = Slip stitch (insert hook, yarn over and pull through both loops on hook)

**Tr trb** = Triple Treble (yarn twice around hook, insert hook, yarn over pull through, yarn over pull through 2, yarn over pull through 2, yarn over pull through 2)

## Easy Knit 5 petal Mayflower

Cast on 5 sts

Row 1 – Knit

Row 2 – Kfb, K to last 2 sts, Kfb, K1 (7 sts)

Row 3 – As row 2 (9 sts)

Row 4 – As row 2 (11 sts)

Row 5-8 – K

Row 9 – Sl 1, K2tog, Pssso, K to last 4 sts, K2tog twice (7 sts)

Rows 10-12 – K

Row 13 – As row 9 (3 sts)

Cast off

Make 5 petals.

Join in the centre.

Sew stamens to centre. *Same as crochet stamens above.*

### Abbreviations

**K** = Knit

**Kfb** = Knit into front and back of stitch

**K2tog** = Knit into next 2 stitches together

**Pssso** = Pass the slipped stitch over

**Sl 1** = Slip one stitch from left needle to right needle

**St** = stitch/es



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