

KALEVALA-CAL

VÄINÄMÖINEN – Joining the squares

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You may join the squares of your Kalevala CAL blanket either as you go, one at a time or all in one go at the end, according to the layout given or your own layout. The joining is done in two rounds with thinner yarn (in yarn pack: Pia yarn), which will make the blanket smoother and lighter overall. In the first round, you will crochet around one square with shallow back post single crochets (shallow bpsc). In the first round the amount of side stitches will be matched similar to each other. In the second round the squares will be joined to others. Joining is maybe not the easiest task to carry out, but it will be worth the effort – joining makes a beautiful background to raise the squares as the main role. Later the joining and the border will make the whole blanket unified.

Note:

You can use various yarns of different thickness for the joining, but please note that the difference between the main yarn and the joining yarn should not be either too big or too small. If the difference between the yarns is too big, the border may be too tight. If the joining is made with yarn of same thickness as the main yarn, the first joining round and the last rounds of the border might be stiff and wavy. Please visit <http://www.arteeni.fi/kalevalacal-en> for the CAL info for yarns and patterns etc..

When using the official Kalevala CAL yarns, Lasse and Pia, you may change the hook size a half number down or use the size of hook based on the yarn used and your gauge.

In this info, first there is a pattern for making the edge of the square and then the joining of the squares together. The first round is always the same for all squares and the second round you are told whether to join only the sides or also the corners together. **The corner of the square is connected DIAGONALLY only to the corner of the square already joined.** At this point the outermost corners of the blanket will remain free (no joining), until the border is worked.

Stitches and abbreviations:

- ch chain stitch
- sl st slip stitch
- sc single crochet
- shallow bpsc shallow back post single crochet:

the sc is worked AROUND the top loops from the stitch of the previous round. Insert hook from back to front under the “V-form” of the st, hook around the top loops from front to back under the “V-form”, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pass the yarn through the

2 loops.

- sk skip stitch

Hints

(...) Repeat instructions between brackets the amount of times specified.

- Repeat instructions between asterisks the amount of times specified. This is normally a repeat for a complete side and will consist of multiple instructions.

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Väinämöinen – Pattern for joining

Making the edge around the square

Rnd 1 Join yarn with a standing **sc** into any corner ch-sp, sc into same ch-sp. *Shallow bpsc all together 45 in the next sts per side, increase the amount of shallow bpsc by doing two shallow post stitch into same stitch as many times as told in the table below. 4 scs into the corner ch-sp.* Repeat * - * 4 times in total, omit last 2 scs on the repeat, join to the 1st sc with a sl st.

Stitch count per side: 45 shallow bpsc and 4 scs in corner ch-sp

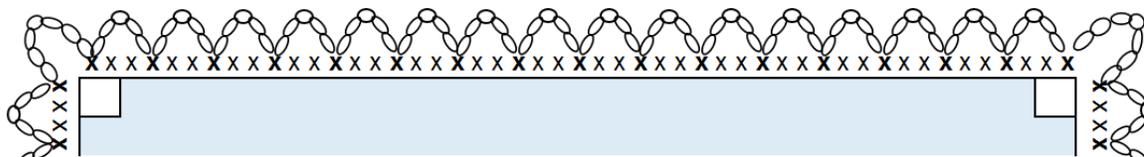


Picture: In illustrated picture, blue area represents one side of the square with ch-sp corners. Green **X** is sc and red **X** is shallow bpsc. Shallow bpsc 45 in total per side and you need to increase different amount stitches according to each square. (See Table below). Note that stitch count per side is 49 in total.

Table: **Amount of increase of shallow bpscs** for indicated square; goal to have 45 shallow bpscs on each side (and 4 scs in each corner):

#	Designer	Name of the square (FIN)	Name of the Square (EN)	dc stitches per side	Increase of shallow bpscs
1	Sari Åström	Ilmatar	Ilmatar	39	6
2	Taina Tauschi	Sotkan pesä	Bluebill's Nest	39	6
3	Soile Olmari	Maailman synty	Birth of the World	36	9
4	Susku Öysti	Kätetty aurinko	Hidden Sun	38	7
5	Maija-Leena Siuvatti	Iso tammi	Big Oak, the World Tree	40	5
6	Maarit Leinonen	Pohjan akka	Hostess of Pohja	39	6
7	Mirva Nikkanen	Lemminkäinen	Lemminkäinen	39	6
8	Anne Vierimaa	Ahto	Ahto, King of All Waters	39	6
9	Tuula Kyrölä	Kalevalan meri	The Kalevala Sea	39	6
10	Taina Tauschi	Väinölän viljavat vainiot	Fertile Fields of Väinölä	38	7
11	Taina Ilvonen	Joukahainen suossa	Joukahainen in the Swamp	39	6
12	Soile Olmari	Kasvun ihme	Miracle of Growth	36	9
13	Seija Ervelius	Ei ole Vuoksen voittanutta...	Nothing conquers the Vuoksi	38	7
14	Marika Nordling	Sammon taonta	Forging the Sampo	37	8
15	Arni Oksanen	Tuonelan Joutsen	Swan of Tuonela	40	5
16	Johanna Nuorela	Neidon kehrä	Maiden's Spindle	40	5
17	Heli Isoniemi	Nuotiovalkea	Fire and Light	38	7
18	Taina Tauschi	Pohjolan häät	The Pohjola Wedding	38	7
19	Annika Yrjölä	Tellervo	Tellervo	39	6
20	Milla Elo	Tapio	Tapio	37	8
21	Tuula Kyrölä	Lintukoto	Bird Home	38	7
22	Taina Tauschi	Marjatta	Marjatta	39	6
23	Anne Vierimaa	Kantele	Harp	39	6
24	Marika Nordling	Sammon ryöstö	The theft of Sampo	38	7
	Sari Marttila	Lönnrot	Lönnrot	39	6
	Anne Vierimaa	Pohjolan väki	The People of Pohjola	37	8
	Seija Ervelius	Sormet sormien lomahan	Fingers into Curves of Fingers	38	7
	Maija-Leena Autio	Hirven hiihto	Moose Hunt	37	8

- Rnd 2 * (Ch 5, sk 2 sts, sl st) **16 times**, ch 7, sl st*. Repeat * - * 4 times in total, fasten off and secure ends.
Note. Ch7-sp in the corner starts from the 2nd sc and falls in the 3rd sc of the corner scs, no skipping stitches in the corner. Otherwise skip 2 scs on the side.
Stitch count per side: 16 x ch5-sps and ch7-sp in the corner



Picture: In illustrated picture 0 represents a ch st. In the corner ch7-sp and on the side ch5-sps.

Joining the squares

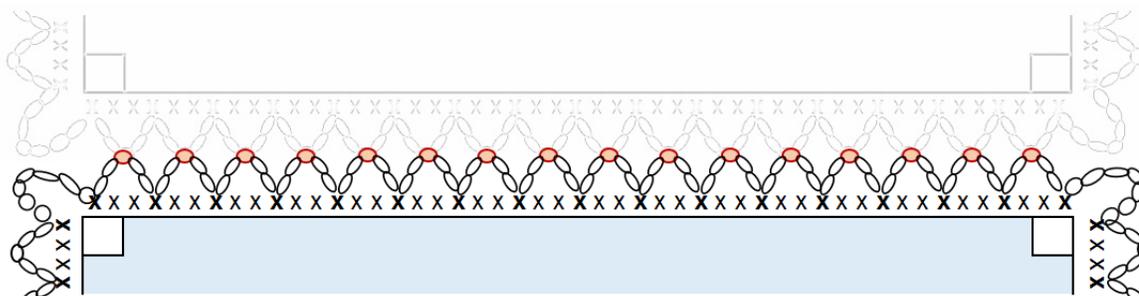
- Rnd 1 As above
- Rnd 2 Join the squares together when attaching the second side of the square. Lay squares right side facing and side by side:

1st side: (ch 5, sk 2 sts, sl st) **16 times** in total, ch 7, sl st

2nd side: [(ch 2, **sl st into the corresponding ch-sp on square to join, the corner ch-7-chains will be joined later**, ch 2), sk 2 sts, sl st] **16 times** in total, ch 7, sl st (do not join the corner ch-sp yet).

Continue working the rest of the sides:

*(Ch 5, sk 2 sts, sl st) **16 times** in total, ch 7, sl st*. Repeat * - * one more time, fasten off and secure ends.



Picture: In illustrated picture 0 is a ch st and 0 is a sl st. Corner ch-spaces will stay unattached so far.

Joining the corners

Rnd 1 As above

Rnd 2 Join the squares together when attaching the second side of the square. Lay squares right side facing and side by side.

[(ch 2, **sl st into the corresponding ch-sp on square to join**, ch 2), sk 2 sts, sl st] **16 times** in total,

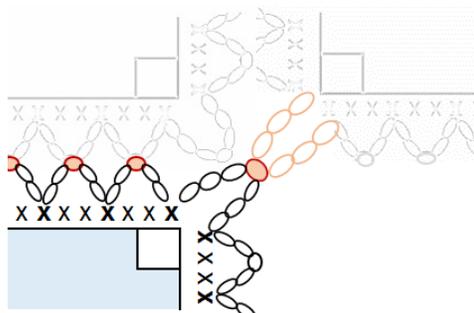
In the joining corner, **instead** of ch7:

[ch 3, **make a sl st into the ch7-sp of the opposite corner**, ch 3]

Note: do not join other corners which have no square to join with.

Continue working the rest of the sides:

*(Ch 5, sk 2 sts, sl st) **16 times** in total, ch 7, sl st*. Repeat * - * one more time, fasten off and secure ends.



Picture: In illustrated picture 0 is a ch st and 0 is a sl st. Corner ch-spaces will be joined to the opposite corner with a sl st and square directly next to stay unattached so far.

Joining the corners over the earlier diagonal joining

Rnd 1 As above

Rnd 2 Join the squares together along crocheting the 2nd and the 3rd sides. Lay squares right side facing and side by side.

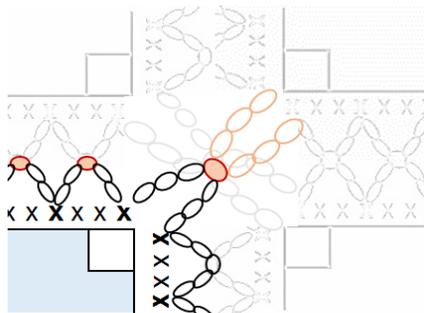
[(ch 2, **sl st into the corresponding ch-sp on square to join**, ch 2), sk 2 st, sl st] **16 times** in total,

In the joining corner, **instead** of ch7:

[ch 3, **make a sl st into the ch7-sp of the opposite corner AND over the earlier diagonal joining**, ch 3]

Continue working the rest of the sides:

*(Ch 5, sk 2 st, sl st) **16 times** in total, ch 7, sl st*. Repeat * - * one more time, fasten off and secure ends.

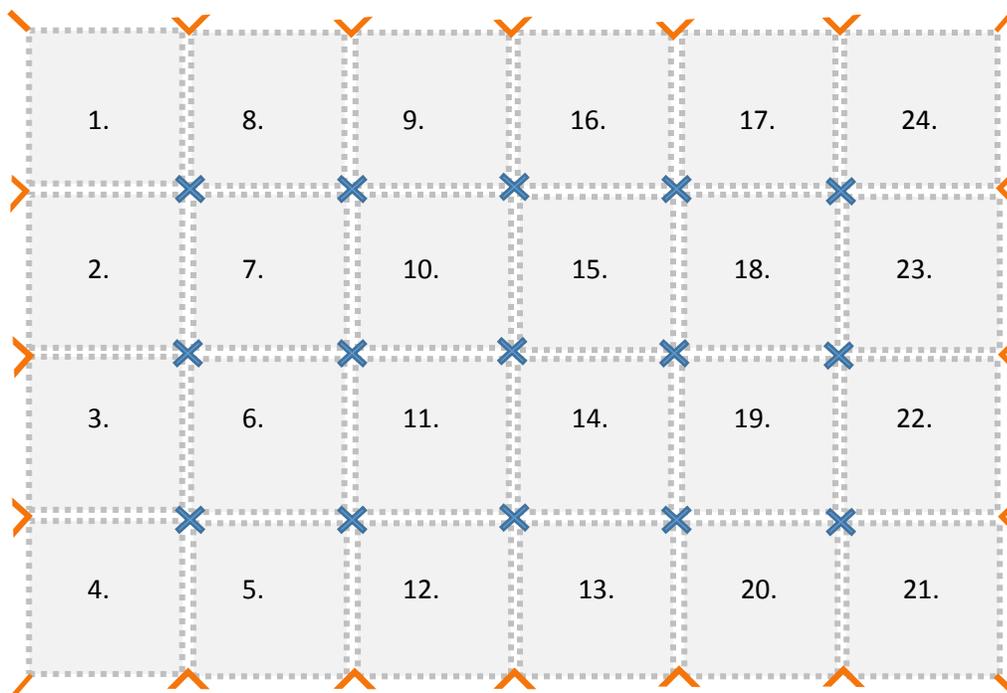


Picture: In illustrated picture *o* is a ch st and *x* is a sl st. Corner ch-space will be joined to the opposite corner with a sl st in a way that the earlier joining stays inside the sl st. As seen in the photo above, the joining looks neat and beautiful.

Layout of the squares

Model blankets are joined in order as in the picture below (numbers indicate the number of the square). You may also make your own layout. It is possible to change main squares to bonus squares or crochet your favourite square more than once. Please note, if you make many changes for given layout, the yarn packs are calculated only for 24 squares and some colours may run out. You can make your blanket smaller or bigger by changing the amount of the squares, but please note again that this pattern for the joining and the border is designed for an even amount of squares per side.

After all the squares are joined together, there are corner ch-spaces of the outermost squares still un-attached (marked with orange in the picture below). These corners will be joined later along with the border.



Hint: You can share pictures of your Kalevala CAL square on social media with the tag #KalevalaCAL or #kalevalacal_vainamoinen..