

# *SWAN of TUONELA*

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Give to me thy fairest maiden,  
Bride of mine to be forever."

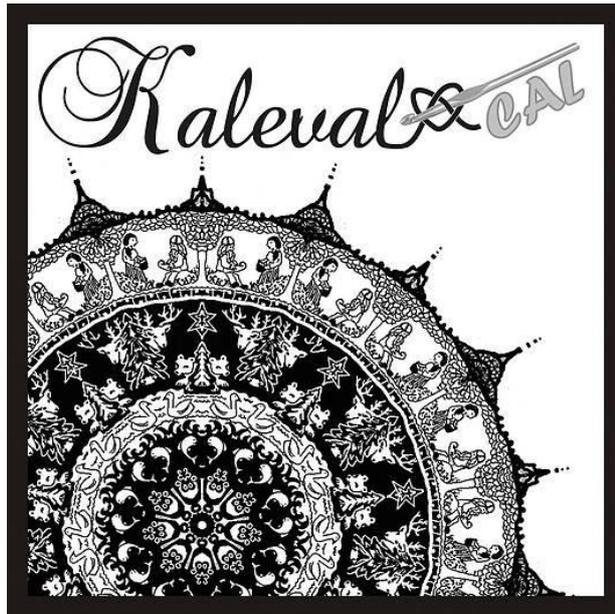
Louhi, hostess of Pohyola,  
Made this answer to the suitor:  
"I will only give my daughter,  
Give to thee my fairest virgin,

Bride of thine to be forever,  
When for me the swan thou killest  
In the river of Tuoni,  
Swimming in the black death-river,  
In the sacred stream and whirlpool;  
Thou canst try one cross-bow only,  
But one arrow from thy quiver."

Then the reckless Lemminkainen,  
Handsome hero, Kaukomieli,  
Braved the third test of the hero,  
Started out to hunt the wild-swan,  
Hunt the long-necked, graceful swimmer,  
In Tuoni's coal-black river,  
In Manala's lower regions.  
Quick the daring hunter journeyed,  
Hastened off with fearless footsteps,  
To the river of Tuoni,  
To the sacred stream and whirlpool,  
With his bow upon his shoulder,  
With his quiver and one arrow.

[from XIV poem of Kalevala](#)

The inspiration for this square has been the legend of the Swan of Tuonela, that swims in the black river of Tuonela [*a mythical river the dead must pass in order to reach Tuonela, the home of the dead.*] In the legend, the man who kills the holy swan will face death himself. In ancient times people believed, that if you shoot the swan, you will also be destroyed.



## *SWAN of TUONELA* -Designed by Arni Oksanen

This crochet square pattern is a part of a Finnish crochet project. We have designed a crochet blanket based on the **Kalevala Mythology**. It has been created as a tribute to Finland's 100 years of independence. The general information and links to all the square patterns of the blanket can be found in the Kalevala CAL info post at the blog of Arteeni: [www.arteeni.fi/kalevalacal](http://www.arteeni.fi/kalevalacal)

### Info:

Yarn: Menita, Lasse. Colours used in the Forest-yarn pack:

203: dark grey, 3309: orange, 757: purple

Designer's colours:

200: black, for the river

100: white, for the swan

229: red, for the tragic and bloody death of Lemminkäinen

For clarity, the colours used in the phase pictures are white, pink and black.

You will also need scissors, a needle for fastening off and stitch markers. I also recommend blocking your work after finishing.

## Abbreviations and explanations (US terms):

st	stitch
ch/ch-sp	chain/ chain space
sl-st	slip stitch
rnd	round
sc	single crochet
hdc	half double crochet
dc	double crochet (yo (yarn over) once)
tr	treble crochet (yo twice)
dtr	double treble crochet (yo 3 times)
ttr	triple treble crochet (yo 4 times)
FP	front post (used with various stitches)
picot	picot (ch3 and insert the hook back through the centre of the base st, yo, sl-st to join)
sk	skip stitch(es)

## Special Stitches:

SS- Standing Stitch: Info found on the internet.

Magic ring: Info found on the internet

## Hints and tips about instructions

Reference to photos is *[P]* with the relevant photo number.

\*-\* Repeat the instructions between asterisks as many times as advised. These repeats usually contain e.g. one side of the square.

(...) Repeat the instructions between brackets as many times as advised. These repeats are usually shorter e.g. clusters.

*[...]Hints and tips to help you through the pattern are written with purple and in italics.*

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[Here](#) you can listen to *Swan of Tuonela*, composed by **Jean Sibelius**. This is the second part of the *Lemminkäinen-series*. With these sounds I wish you the most relaxing and interesting moments with Swan of Tuonela.

## *Swan of Tuonela* Pattern

You can make your square with one colour or with as many colours as you like. I have written this pattern for three colours of my choice. Between brackets in (orange) are the colours used in the CAL.

### Round 1.

Start with black (dark grey) yarn and into a Magic ring make: ch1 (does not count as st), 6sc, tighten the loop and close with a sl-st to the 1<sup>st</sup> sc. Fasten off. [Hint: On next round you can weave the black yarn ends by letting them run under the dcs.]

Stitch count: 6 scs

### Round 2.

[For this round, be sure to mark the first dc of every repeat. You can use stitch markers. Markers are needed for round 5. [P1.]]

Change to white (orange) yarn by making a SS dc OR ch3 in the same stitch with sl-st, dc in the same st, \*(2 dcs in the next st) \* repeat \*-\* 5 times in total, close with a sl-st to the 1<sup>st</sup> dc.

Stitch count: 12 dcs



P1.

### Round 3.

Ch5 [*counts as dc and ch2*], dc in the same st, \*sk st, (dc, ch2, dc) in the same st\* repeat \*-\* 5 times in total, close with a sl-st to the 3<sup>rd</sup> ch. [*P2.*]

Stitch count: 12 dcs and 6 ch2-sps



P2.

### Round 4.

\*Into the next ch2-sp make (3dc, tr, picot, tr, 3dc), sl-st between two dcs from previous rnd [*P3.*]\* repeat \*-\* 6 times in total. Close with sl-st to sl-st [*that closes the previous rnd*] changing the yarn to red (purple). [*Hint for changing colour: Insert hook through st and pull red (purple) yarn from back to front of the work – continue next rnd with red (purple). Fasten off white (orange) yarn. [P4.].*]

Stitch count: 54 sts and 6 picots



P3.



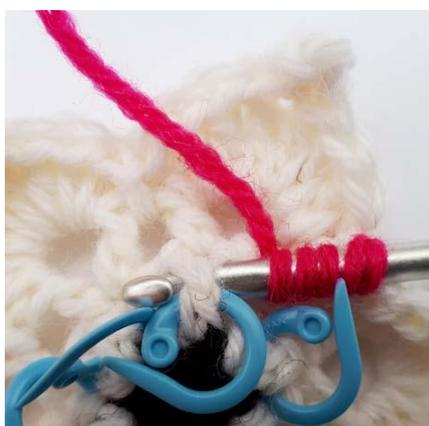
P4.

### Round 5.

With red (purple) yarn, make FPttr around the first marked st of rnd 2 [P5. and P6.], ch2, sl-st to the backside of the work to dc of rnd 2 between two dcs of rnd 3 [same marked dc of rnd 2, where you made the FPttr [P7.]], ch2, sl-st to sl-st between the petals [P8.], FPttr around the same st as the previous FPttr [P9.],

\*Skip dc of rnd 2, FPttr in the next marked dc, ch2, sl-st in the dc of rnd 2 between dcs of rnd 3 [marked dc of rnd 2], ch2, sl-st to sl-st, FPttr in the same marked dc of rnd 2\* repeat \*-\* 5 times in total, close with a sl-st to the first FPttr [P10.]. [Finished rnd from back, P11.]

Stitch count: 24 sts and 12 ch2-sps



P5.



P6.



**P7.**



**P8.**



**P9.**



**P10.**



**P11.**

**Round 6.**

Sl-st in the next ch2-sp at the backside of the work *[right side facing]*, ch3, sl-st in the next ch-sp, (3dc, tr, picot) in the next FPttr, (tr, 3dc) in the next FPttr, \*sl-st in ch-sp, ch3 *[P12.]*, sl-st in ch-sp, (3dc, tr, picot) in the next st, (tr, 3dc) in the next st *[P13. and 14.]* \* repeat \*-\* 5 times in total, close with a sl-st to the 1<sup>st</sup> sl-st. Fasten off. *[Finished rnd from back, P15.]*

Stitch count: 60 sts, 6 ch3-sps and 6 picots



**P12.**



**P13.**



**P14.**



**P15.**

**Round 7.**

*[This rnd you are working from the backside, right side facing.]* Using white (orange) yarn, make sl-st in any first FPttr of rnd 5 *[P16.]*. \*ch2, (dc, 2 tr, dtr, picot, dtr, 2 tr, dc) in the next ch3-sp of rnd 6 *[P17.]*, ch2, sl-st in the next FPttr *[P18.]* \* repeat \*-\* 6 times in total, close with a sl-st to the 1<sup>st</sup> sl-st. *[Finished rnd, P19. and 20.]*

Stitch count: 54 sts, 6 picots and 12 ch2-sps



**P16.**



**P17.**



**P18.**



**P19.**



**P20.**

**Round 8.**

\*sl-st in the next ch2-sp, ch3, sl-st between two dtr at the backside of the work [*right side facing*] [P21.], ch3, sl-st in the next ch2-sp, ch2\* repeat \*-\* 6 times in total. Close with a sl-st to the last ch-sp. Fasten off.

Stitch count: 18 sl-sts, 12 ch3-sps and 6 ch2-sps



**P21.**

**Round 9.**

This rnd is made in ch-sps of the previous rnd [*right side facing*]. The sts between the brackets are to be made in one ch-sp. (With black (dark grey) yarn make sl-st and ch3 in the next ch-sp [*OR standing dc*], 3dc in the same sp [=4dc]), (4dc) [P22.], (3tr, ch2, 3tr) [*first corner made*],

(dc, hdc), in next three ch-sps 2sc each, (hdc, dc) [P23.], (3tr, ch2, 3tr)[*corner*],

(4dc), (4dc), (3tr, ch2, 3tr) [*corner*],

(dc, hdc), in next three ch-sps 2sc each, (hdc, dc), (3tr, ch2, 3tr) [*corner*], sl-st to the 3<sup>rd</sup> ch. [*Finished rnd, P24. and 25.*]

Stitch count: 60 sts and 4 ch2-sps



P22.



P23.



P24.



P25.

### Round 10.

Ch1 and sc in the sl-st of previous rnd, 2sc, make sc by inserting the hook through 3 previous rounds as follows: insert hook *between* two dtr of the petal of rnd 7 -, *through* the picot of rnd 4 (front to back) and *in* the next st of rnd 9 [P26.-28.], sc in the next 7 sts.

In the corner (sc, sc in the corner ch-sp through the picot of rnd 6 [P29.], sc), 3hdc, hdc *between* two dtr of the petal of rnd 7 and *through* the picot of rnd 4 (front to back) and *in* the next st of rnd 9, 2hdc, 4sc, 2hdc, hdc *between* two dtr of the petal of rnd 7 and *through* the picot of rnd 4 (front to back) and *in* the next st of rnd 9, 3hdc.

In the corner (sc, sc in the corner ch-sp through the picot of rnd 6, sc), 6 sc, sc between two dtr of the petal of rnd 7 and through the picot of rnd 4 (front to back) and in the next st of rnd 9, 7sc.

In the corner (sc, sc in the corner ch-sp through the picot of rnd 6, sc), 3hdc, hdc between two dtr of the petal of rnd 7 and through the picot of rnd 4 (front to back) and in the next st of rnd 9, 2hdc, 4sc, 2hdc, hdc between two dtr of the petal of rnd 7 and through the picot of rnd 4 (front to back) and in the next st of rnd 9, 3hdc.

In the corner (sc, sc in the corner ch-sp through the picot of rnd 6, sc), 3sc, join to the 1<sup>st</sup> sc with a sl st.

*[Finished rnd, P30.]*

Stitch count: 72 sts



P26.



P27.



**P28.**



**P29.**



**P30.**

**Round 11.**

Ch1 and sc in the same st, 10sc, hdc.

(2hdc, ch3, tr) in the middle sc of the corner, tr, 3dc, 3hdc, 4sc, 3hdc, 3dc, tr.

(tr, ch3, 2hdc) in the middle sc of the corner, hdc, 14sc, hdc.

(2hdc, ch3, tr) in the middle sc of the corner, tr, 3dc, 3hdc, 4sc, 3hdc, 3dc, tr.

(tr, ch3, 2hdc) in the middle sc of the corner, hdc, 3sc, join to the 1<sup>st</sup> sc with a sl st.

*[Finished rnd, P31.]*

Stitch count: 20 sts per side and 4 corner ch3-sps



**P31.**

### **Round 12.**

Ch1 and sc in the same st, 2sc, sc through the picot of rnd 7 in the next st, 7sc, FPtr around the next picot, sk st, 2sc.

(2sc, ch3, 2dc) in the corner ch-sp, 3dc, dc through the picot of rnd 7 in the next st , 6dc, dc through the picot of rnd 6 in the next st , 6dc, dc through the picot of rnd 7 in the next st, 2dc.

(2dc, ch3, 2sc) in the corner ch-sp, 2sc, FPtr around the next picot, sk st, 6sc, sc through the picot of rnd 7 in the next st , 7sc, FPtr, sk st, 2sc.

(2sc, ch3, 2dc) in the corner ch-sp, 3dc, dc through the picot of rnd 7 in the next st , 6dc, dc through the picot of rnd 6 in the next st , 6dc, dc through the picot of rnd 7 in the next st , 2dc.

(2dc, ch3, 2sc) in the corner ch-sp, 2sc, FPtr around the next picot, sk st, 3sc, join to the 1<sup>st</sup> sc with a sl st.

*[Finished rnd, P32.]*

Stitch count: 24 sts per side and 4 corner ch3-sps



**P32.**

**Round 13.**

Ch3, 2dc, FPtr around the picot in the middle, sk st, 7dc, FPdc around next FPtr, 4dc.

(2dc, ch3, 2dc) in the corner ch-sp, 4dc, FPdtr around picot, sk st, 7dc, FPtr around picot, sk st, 7dc, FPdtr around picot, sk st, 3dc.

(2dc, ch3, 2dc) in the corner ch-sp, 4dc, FPdc around FPtr, 6dc, FPtr around picot, sk st, 7dc, FPdc around FPtr, 4dc.

(2dc, ch3, 2dc) in the corner ch-sp, 4dc, FPdtr around picot, sk st, 7dc, fptr around picot, sk st, 7dc, fpdtr around picot, sk st, 3dc.

(2dc, ch3, 2dc) in the corner ch-sp, 4dc, fpdc around fptr, 3dc, join to the 3<sup>rd</sup> ch with a sl st. *[Finished rnd, P33.]*

Stitch count: 28 sts per side and 4 corner ch3-sps



P33.

**Round 14.**

Ch3, 2dc, fpdc in the next fptr, 7dc, fpdc, 6dc.

(2dc, ch3, 2dc) in the corner ch-sp, 6dc, fpdc, 7dc, fpdc, 7dc, fpdc, 5dc.

(2dc, ch3, 2dc) in the corner ch-sp, 6dc, fpdc, 6dc, fpdc, 7dc, fpdc, 6dc.

(2dc, ch3, 2dc) in the corner ch-sp, 6dc, fpdc, 7dc, fpdc, 7dc, fpdc, 5dc.

(2dc, ch3, 2dc) in the corner ch-sp, 6dc, fpdc, 3dc, join to the 3<sup>rd</sup> ch with a sl st. *[Finished rnd, P34.]*

Stitch count: 32 sts per side and 4 corner ch3-sps



**P34.**

**Round 15.**

Ch3, 2dc, fpdc, 7dc, fpdc, 8dc.

(2dc, ch3, 2dc) in the corner ch-sp, 8dc, fpdc, 7dc, fpdc, 7dc, fpdc, 7dc.

(2dc, ch3, 2dc) in the corner ch-sp, 8dc, fpdc, 6dc, fpdc, 7dc, fpdc, 8dc.

(2dc, ch3, 2dc) in the corner ch-sp, 8dc, fpdc, 7dc, fpdc, 7dc, fpdc, 7dc.

(2dc, ch3, 2dc) in the corner ch-sp, 8dc, fpdc, 3dc, join to the 3<sup>rd</sup> ch with a sl st. *[Finished rnd, P35.]*

Stitch count: 36 sts per side and 4 corner ch3-sps



**P35.**

**Round 16.**

Ch3 [*count as dc*], 21dc.

(2dc, ch3, 2dc) in the corner ch-sp, 36dc.

(2dc, ch3, 2dc) in the corner ch-sp, 36dc.

(2dc, ch3, 2dc) in the corner ch-sp, 36dc.

(2dc, ch3, 2dc) in the corner ch-sp, 14dc, join to the 3<sup>rd</sup> ch with a sl st.

Stitch count: 40 dcs per side and 4 corner ch3-sps

Congratulations! Swan of Tuonela is now ready! Block your work to give it the right shape and finished look.

