

KALEVALA-CAL

FERTILE FIELDS OF VÄINÖLÄ

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Rise, O earth, from out thy slumber,
From the slumber-land of ages,
Let the barley-grains be sprouting,
Let the blades themselves be starting,
Let the verdant stalks be rising,
Let the ears themselves be growing,
And a hundredfold producing,
From my plowing and my sowing,
From my skilled and honest labor.
(Poem II, 309–316)

Thence to sow his seeds he hastens,
Hastes the barley-grains to scatter,
Speaks unto himself these measures:
"I the seeds of life am sowing,
Sowing through my open fingers,
From the hand of my Creator,
In this soil enriched with ashes,
In this soil to sprout and flourish."
(Poem II 293–300)

Reference: <http://www.sacred-texts.com/neu/kveng/kvrune02.htm>

“The three-knotted cobs” of Kalevala gave me the inspiration for this square. There is nothing more beautiful than a golden cornfield at the end of the summer. I wanted to visualize a fertile field that grows God’s corn for all to be nourished. Golden grains for *Sampo* to grind.

Fertile fields of Väinölä – Designed by Taina Tauschi

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-en.

Info

Yarn	Menita Lasse	
Colours	Orange	3309
	Olive green	9963
	Dark grey	203

Scissors and tapestry needle for fastening off and securing yarn ends.

Stitch abbreviations and explanations (US terms)

ch	chain	FPdc	front post double crochet
st	stitch	FPtr	front post treble crochet
sl st	slip stitch	BLsl-st	slip stitch to back loop
sc	single crochet	sk	skip stitch(es)
hdc	half double crochet	dc3tog	double crochet 3 sts together, see special stitches
dc	double crochet (yo once)	special dc3tog	same as dc3tog <i>with an extra yo</i> , see special stitches
tr	treble crochet (yo twice)		
dtr	double treble crochet (yo 3 times)		
FP hdc	front post half double crochet		

Special stitches

dc3tog: Yarn over (YO) hook, insert hook in st, pull up a loop (lp), 3 lps on hook. YO hook, pull through 2 lps. YO hook insert in same st (*see photo*), pull up a lp (4 lps on hook). YO, pull through 2 lps (3 lps on hook). YO, insert hook again in same st. YO, pull up a lp, 5 lps on hook. YO, draw through 2 lps (4 lps left on hook). YO draw through all 4 lps left on hook.



special dc3tog: This group of 3 dc is almost the same as dc3tog but a little bit taller. Yarn over (YO) hook **twice**, insert hook in stitch (st), pull up a loop (lp) (4 lps on hook). YO hook, pull through 2 lps. YO hook, insert in same st, pull up a lp (5 lps on hook). YO, pull through 2 lps (4 lps on hook). YO, insert hook in same st. YO, pull up a lp (6 lps on hook). YO, draw through 2 lps (5 lps left on hook). YO, draw through 4 lps (2 lps left on hook). YO, draw through the last two lps.



Standing stitches: slideshow [here](#) and video tutorials from YouTube, for example [here](#).

Tips for reading the pattern

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

(...) Repeat instructions between brackets as many times as directed.

[...] *Between the square brackets there are tips and photo hints to help you through the pattern.*

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Fertile fields of Väinölä – Pattern

You start this square by crocheting a field. Then you continue with the straws growing in the field and then on the last row there are the grain cobs. In this square you can make lots of different double crochet groups and also front post and back post double crochets. The variation of stitches may be challenging but I have still rated this square as quite easy.

The Field

1. round

- Start with yarn 9963 olive green and make a magic ring.
Ch 5 into Magic ring [[Magic ring](#)] [counts as dc and ch 3], (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 3) 3 times, dc, ch 1. Tighten the magic ring and join to the 2nd ch with a sl st. [[Photo 1](#)] [Do not cut the yarn, leave it behind your work waiting for round 3.] [Hint: If you are changing the colour on the next round, make the last sl st on this round already with the new colour. Make all similar colour changes likewise on "the Field" part.]
Total: 8 dc, 4 x ch3-sp, 4 x ch 1.

2. round

- Change to yarn 203 dark grey [[leave the olive green yarn waiting behind your work](#)] or continue with the same yarn.

Make a sl st into the ch-sp, ch 1 (does not count as stitch) and sc in the same ch-sp.
(5 dc in the next ch1-sp, sc in the ch3-sp) 3 times, 5 dc in the ch1-sp. Join to the first sc with a sl st. [[Photo 2](#)]
Total: 20 dc, 4 sc.

3. round

- Pick up the olive green yarn from behind your work [[leave the dark grey yarn waiting behind](#)] or continue with the same yarn.

Ch 6 (= dc + ch 3), sk 5 dc, *(dc, ch 1, dc, ch 3, dc, ch 1, dc) in the next sc, ch 3, sk 5 dc*. Repeat *-* 2 more times. dc, ch 1, dc, ch 3, dc, ch 1. Join to the 3rd ch with a sl st. Make another sl st into 4th ch. [[Photo 3](#)]
Total per Side: 4 dc, 2 x ch3-sp, 2 x ch1-sp.



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

4. round

- Take yarn 203 dark grey [[leave the olive green yarn waiting behind the work](#)] or continue with the same yarn.

Ch 1 (does not count as st), *sc into the middle dc of the dc group of round 2 so that the ch-sp (of round 3)

comes along. [\[Photo 4\]](#). 5 dc into the next ch, sc in the next ch-sp, 5 dc into the ch*. Repeat *-* 3 more times. Join to the 1st sc with a sl st. [\[Photo 5\]](#)

Total per Side: 2 x 5 dc, 2 sc.

5. round

→ Take yarn 9963 olive green *[leave the dark grey yarn waiting behind the work]* or continue with the same yarn.

Ch 6 (= dc and ch 3), sk 5 dc, *(dc, ch 1, dc, ch 3, dc, ch 1, dc) in the next sc, ch 3, sk 5 dc, (dc, ch 1, dc) in the next sc, ch 3, sk 5 dc.* Repeat *-* 2 more times. (Dc, ch 1, dc, ch 3, dc, ch 1, dc) in the next sc, ch 3, sk 5 dc, dc, ch 1. Join to the 3rd ch with a sl st. Make another sl st in the 4th ch and cut the olive green yarn. [\[Photo 6\]](#)

Total: Side: 2 dc, 2 x ch3-sp, ch 1. Corner: 4 dc, 1 x ch3-sp, ch 2.



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6

6. round

→ Take yarn 203 dark grey or continue with the same yarn.

Ch 1 (does not count as st), *make sc into the middle dc of the dc group of round 4 so that the ch-sp (of round 5) comes along [\[Photo 7\]](#). 5 dc into the next ch, sc in the next ch-sp, 5 dc in the ch, sc in the dc (of round 4), 5 dc in the next ch.* Repeat *-* 3 more times. Join to the 1st sc with a sl st. Cut the dark grey yarn. [\[Photo 8\]](#)

Total per Side: 3 x 5 dc, 3 sc.



Photo 7



Photo 8

The Straws

7. round

- Take yarn 3309 orange or continue with the same yarn. Start in the same st as the sl st of the previous round.

FPtr into the middle dc in the 5dc-group of the 4th round straight below *[Make the first FPtr as a SS-FPtr, if you change colour]*, *Make BLSl-st in next 6 sts (= 5 dc and sc). *[This is the corner.]* Dtr in the sc of the 4th round and into the middle of the centre dcs *[Stitches from round 6 will fall behind the dtr.]* *[Photo 9]*, (6 BLSl-st, FPtr into the middle dc in the 5dc-group of the 4th round straight below) 2 times. * Repeat *-* 3 more times, omitting the last FPtr. Join to the 1st FPtr with a sl st. *[Photo 10]*
Total: Side: 2 FPtr, 18 BLSl-st. Corner: 1 dtr.



Photo 9



Photo 10

The Cobs

8. round

- Continue with the same yarn.

*(dc3tog, *[in the beginning of the round ch 3 as your 1st dc]*, ch 2, dc3tog) into the FPtr. Ch 1, sk 2, (dc, ch 2, tr) in the next st *[= in the back loop of the middle dc from the dc-group of round 6]* *[Photo 11]*. Ch 1, (special dc3tog, ch 2, special dc3tog) into the dtr in the corner, ch 1, sk 2, (tr, ch 2, dc) in the next st *[= in the back loop of the middle dc from the dc-group of round 6]*, ch 1, (dc3tog, ch 2, dc3tog) in the FPtr, ch 1, sk 2, dc in the back loop of the middle dc from the dc-group on round 6, ch 1.* Repeat *-* 3 more times. Join to the dc3tog with a sl st. *[Photo 12]*

Total: Side: 4 x dc3tog, 3 dc, 2 tr, 4 x ch2-sp, 6 x ch1-sp. Corner: 2 x special dc3tog, ch 2.



Photo 11



Photo 12



Photo 13

9. round

→ Continue with the same yarn.

Sl st into the next ch-sp, *(dc3tog [*in the beginning of the round ch 3 as your 1st dc*], ch 2, dc3tog) in the same ch-sp. Ch 1, FPtr in the dc from round 8, ch 1, (dc, ch 2, tr) in the next tr, ch 2, (special dc3tog, ch 2, special dc3tog) in the corner ch-sp, ch 2, (tr, ch 2, dc) in the next tr, ch 1, FPtr in the dc, ch 1, (dc3tog, ch 2, dc3tog) in the ch-sp in the middle of the cob, ch 1, FPtr in the dc, ch 1.*

Repeat *-* 3 more times. Join to the 1st dc3tog with a sl st. [*Photo 13*]

Total: Side: 4 x dc3tog, 2 dc, 2 tr, 3 x FPtr, 6 x ch2-sp, 6 x ch1-sp. Corner: 2 x special dc3tog, ch 2.

10. round

→ Continue with the same yarn.

Sl st into the next ch-sp, *(dc3tog [*in the beginning of the round ch 3 as your 1st dc*], ch 2, dc3tog) in the same ch-sp. Ch 1, FPtr in the FPtr from the previous round, ch 1, FPtr in the dc, ch 1, FPtr in the tr, ch 1, (special dc3tog, ch 2, special dc3tog, ch 2, special dc3tog) in the corner ch-sp [*Photo 14*], ch 1, FPtr in the next tr, ch 1, FPtr in the dc, ch 1, FPtr in the FPtr from the previous round, ch 1, (dc3tog, ch 2, dc3tog) in the ch-sp in the middle of the cob, ch 1, FPtr in the FPtr, ch 1.* Repeat *-* 3 more times. Join to the 1st dc3tog with a sl st.

[*Photo 15*]

Total: Side: 4 x dc3tog, 7 x FPtr, 2 x ch2-sp, 10 x ch1-sp. Corner: 3 x special dc3tog, 2 x ch2-sp.



Photo 14



Photo 15

11. round

→ Continue with the same yarn.

Sl st into the next ch-sp, *d3tog in the same ch-sp [*in the beginning of the round ch 3 as your 1st dc*], ch 2, 7 hdc as following: the first hdc falls in the FPtr and the last falls in the special dc3tog [*Photo 16*]. (hdc, dc) into the first corner ch-sp, (dc, ch 3, dc) in the middle special dc3tog of the corner, (dc, hdc) into the second corner ch-sp. [*Photo 17*] 7 hdc, ch 2, dc3tog in the ch-sp in the middle of the cob, ch 2, hdc in the FPtr from round 10, ch 2* Repeat *-* 3 more times. Join to the 1st dc3tog with a sl st. Cut the yarn. [*Photo 18*]

Total: Side: 2 x dc3tog, 2 dc, 17 hdc, 4 x ch2-sp. Corner: 2 dc, 1 x ch3-sp.



Photo 16



Photo 17



Photo 18

12. round

→ Take yarn 203 dark grey and make a SSdc in the 1st hdc of the previous round.

→ Cut yarn (*even if you continue with the same yarn!*) and make a SSdc here also [*to get the neatest edge*]. [*Photo 19*]

Make another 9 dc [*total 10 dc including the starting dc*], until you reach the corner ch-sp. *(2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) into the corner ch-sp, 10 dc, 3 dc into the ch-sp, FPhdc around the dc3tog from round 11, 3 dc into the ch-sp, sk 1 hdc, 3 dc into the ch-sp, FPhdc around the dc3tog from round 11, 3 dc into the ch-sp, 10 dc.* Repeat

- 3 more times, omitting the last 10 dc. Join to the 1st dc with a sl st. *[Photo 20]*
Total: Side: 36 dc, 2 FPhdc. Corner: ch 3.



Photo 19



Photo 20

Finishing

Secure all yarn ends properly. Steam the square gently and shape it to the same size as your other squares.



The cornfield with all the cobs is now ready! Thank you for taking this journey with me!

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