

KALEVALA-CAL

*MAAILMAN SYNTY -*

*Suomi*  
*Finland*  
**100**

*The Birth of the World*

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**BACKGROUND**

The very first poem of Kalevala gave me my inspiration. My square describes "the early ocean" and especially the episode where duck puts her nest and lay eggs on the knee of the water. A world begins to form around the eggs.

Thence she flies and hovers slowly,  
Lightly on the knee she settles,  
Finds a nesting-place befitting,  
Where to lay her eggs in safety.

Here she builds her humble dwelling,  
Lays her eggs within, at pleasure,  
Six, the golden eggs she lays there,  
Then a seventh, an egg of iron;

<http://www.sacred-texts.com/neu/kveng/kvrune01.htm>

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](#).

I would like to thank for the opportunity to take part in the KALEVALA-CAL design team. I specially learned to design a pattern. I would therefore like to thank the testers for their guidance and the very necessary comments.

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#### **Others**

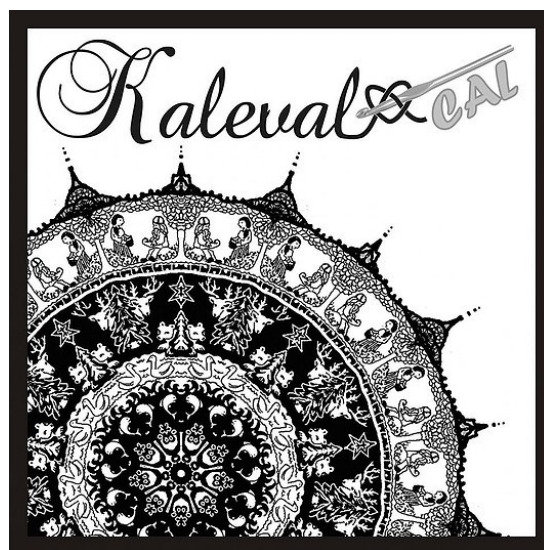
You will need scissors, stitch markers and tapestry needle to securing the ends. Finish the piece by blocking and steaming. The square is fairly easy for a more experienced crocheter, with experience of different stitches and a variety of loops. The beginner gets a sense of success as long you are willing to learn.

#### **Yarn and colors**

**Menita Lasse:** rnd 1. – 3. yellow 2317, rnd 4. – 5. petrol blue 8962, rnd 6. – 7. dark grey 203, rnd 8. olive green 9963, rnd 9. forest green 8947, rnd 10. – 11. dark grey 203, rnd 12. – 13. olive green 9963, rnd 14. petrol blue 8962 ja rnd 15. – 16. dark grey 203. Last egg orange 3309.

#### **Stitches and Abbreviations**

st = stitch  
rnd = round  
ch st = chain stitch  
sl st = slip stitch  
sc = single stitch  
hdc = half double crochet  
dc = double crochet (1 yo)  
tr = triple double crochet (2 yo)  
bl = back loop only  
fphdc = front post half double crochet  
pc = popcorn (5 dc)  
puff st = puff stitch around dc, see special stitches  
cl = cluster  
sk = skip  
blsc = back loop single crochet  
blhdc = back loop half double crochet  
\*-\* = repeat



## Special stitches

**Front Post Half Double Crochet (fphdc):** Yarn over (YO) hook, insert hook under post of stitch (st). YO, pull up a loop. Three loops on hook, YO hook, pull through all loops on hook.

**Popcorn (pc):** Work 5 double crochet (dc) stitches in the same stitch. Drop the loop from your hook. Insert your hook from front to back under the top 2 loops of the first double crochet of the group. Grab the dropped loop with your hook and pull it through the stitch.

**Puff stitch around dc:** Crochet dc. Leave a loose loop, insert hook from front to back behind of the post of dc, yo, draw a loose loop\* Yo, insert hook front to back front of the post of dc, yo, draw a loose loop\*. Repeat \*-\* 1 more time, keep all the loops loose. Yo, draw through all loops, ch 1.

**Cluster (cl):** this pattern indicates 2 or 3 dc-cl. Dcs are worked in the same st and last draw is made through 2 or 3 dc to finish the cluster.

**Back loop single crochet (blsc):** sc in the back loop only.

**Back loop half double crochet (blhdc):** hdc in the back loop only.

**Magic ring:** Wrap yarn around a finger, insert hook into the loop from front to back, yo, draw up a loop, ch 1 and specify number of single crochets. Join with a sl-st into first ch. Tight up to ring by drawing yarn tail. Leave the yarn tail to wait finishing.

**Corner:** Into the corner make 2 indicated st + ch 2 + 2 indicated st, unless stated otherwise.

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1. **Yellow:** Into the magic ring, ch 1, 12 scs, join to the 1<sup>st</sup> sc with a sl st.





2. **Yellow popcorn-rnd:** Ch 3 (does count as 1<sup>st</sup> dc of pc), 4 dcs in the same st (1<sup>st</sup> pc made). Ch 3, skip 1 sc. Pc, ch 3, skip 1 sc. Repeat until total 6 pcs and 6 ch-sps are worked. Join to the 1<sup>st</sup> pc with a sl st.



3. **Yellow:** Sc 1 in top of the pc, 3 scs into the ch-sp, sc into the pc, repeat sc until the end with in total 24 scs. Fasten off and secure ends. Color change to petrol blue color. Join to the 1<sup>st</sup> sc with a sl st.



4. **Petrol blue cluster rnd:** Ch 2 and dc in the sc on top of the pc (does count as 1<sup>st</sup> 2dc-cl), ch 1, 2dc-cl in the same st. After double 2dc-cl: ch 1, sk 1 sc, 2dc cl, ch 1, sk 1 sc. Repeat double 2dc-cl, ch and 2dc-cl until in total 18 dc-cl. (6 x (double 2dc-cl), 6 x 2dc-cl). Join to the 1<sup>st</sup> dc-cl with a sl st.



5. **Petrol blue:** Ch 1, sc between double 2dc-cl, 2 scs into the ch-sp, sc in the top of cl, repeat until the end of the rnd with total 48 scs. Fasten off petrol blue yarn, secure ends and color change to dark grey. Join the last st to the 1<sup>st</sup> sc with a sl st.





6. **Dark grey:** Start with cl, work in the same st ch 2 + 2 dcs = 1 cl. Ch 4 and join to the 3<sup>rd</sup> sc after cl with a sl st + ch 4 + cl in the 3<sup>rd</sup> sc. Repeat until the end of the rnd with 8 cls and 16 ch4-sps in total. Join the last ch to the 1<sup>st</sup> cl with a sl st.



7. **Dark grey:** Ch 1 on top of the cl + 4 scs into the ch-sp + 1 sc through the st on 5<sup>th</sup> rnd. The st from rnd 6 will be hidden. 4 scs into the ch-sp + 1 sc on top of the cl. Repeat until the end of the rnd, sk 1 st. Fasten off, secure ends and make color change to olive green. Join last st to the 1<sup>st</sup> ch with a sl st. Stitch count 80 sts.





8. **Olive green corner rnd:** First corner (tr) falls on top of the cl in the end of previous rnd. Place stitch markers into the other corner places. Corners are made on top of the cl and between comes 4 ch-sps and one cl. Ch 4 (count as 1<sup>st</sup> corner tr). \*In all corners (3 trs, ch 2, 3 trs) into same st. Sk 3 scs, make 3 dcs + 1 hdc + 1 sc + 3 sl sts + 1 sc + 1 hdc + 3 dcs, sk 3 scs. \*. Repeat \*-\* 4 times in total. Note! Only on this rnd there will be 2 x 3 trs in corners. Fasten off, secure ends and make color change to forest green. Join the last st to the 1<sup>st</sup> tr with a sl st. Stitch count 21 sts per side.



9. **Forest green:** Ch1 + 2 blscs + (2 scs, ch 2, 2 scs) into the corner. Skip first hidden stitch after the corner. 18 blscs per side + corners, 24 sts per side (including 2 chs in corner). Fasten off and secure ends, make color change to dark grey. Join the last st to the 1<sup>st</sup> ch with a sl st.



10. **Dark grey:** Ch 2 + 4 blhdcs + (2 hdcs, ch 2, 2 hdcs) into the corner. In all sides make 21 blhdcs + corners. Sk 1<sup>st</sup> st. Stitch count 27 sts per side (including 2 chs in corner). Join to the 2<sup>nd</sup> ch with a sl st.



11. **Dark grey:** Ch 1 + 5 scs + (2 scs, ch 2, 2 scs) into the corner. In all sides make 24 scs per side + corner. Skip 1<sup>st</sup> st on the side. Stitch count 30 sts per side (including 2 chs in corner). Join to the ch with a sl st. Fasten off and secure ends.





12. **Olive green Puff stitch rnd:** Start at any corner. Into the corner (ch 3 (does count as 1<sup>st</sup> dc of the corner) + 1 dc, ch 2, 2 dcs). After the corner ch 1, sk 2 sts (do not forget the 1<sup>st</sup> slightly hidden st), 1 puff st, ch 1, sk 1 st, dc. Repeat until there is one st left before the corner, puff st falls in the last st before the corner and in the 1<sup>st</sup> st after the corner. (2 dcs, ch 2, 2 dcs) into the corner. Repeat in all sides. Join the last st to the 1<sup>st</sup> dc with a sl st. All sides have, puff sts and dcs, together 13 sts. Stitch count 33 sts per side (including 2 chs in the corner).



13. **Olive green:** Make sc between dcs on the corner + (2 scs, ch 2, 2 scs) into the corner. Skip 1 st before and after the corner. Make 29 scs per side + corner. On every side: sc between dcs on the corner, into ch-sp, on top of the puff st, into the next ch-sp and into dc. Join the last st to the 1<sup>st</sup> sc with a sl st. Stitch count 35 sts per side (including 2 chs in the corner). Fasten off and secure ends.



14. **Petrol blue:** Start at any corner: ch 2 + 1 hdc, ch 2, 2 hdcs (= first corner) + ch 3, sk 3 scs. Fphdc in the next 27 sts + ch 3, sk 3 scs, (2 hdcs, ch 2, 2 hdcs) into the corner. Repeat in every corner and side. Join to the ch with a sl st. Stitch count 39 sts per side (including 2 chs in the corner). Fasten off and secure ends.



15. **Dark grey:** Into the corners ch-sp \*2 scs, sk first and the last st on every side. Sc + ch 3. Join 3 chs to the 2<sup>nd</sup> st after the corner from the previous rnd with blsc. Sk all sts in between. Make 27 blscs per side + ch 3 + 1 sc + 2 scs in the corner \*. Repeat \*-\* 4 times in total. Join the last sc to the 1<sup>st</sup> sc. Stitch count 37 sts/side. With a sl st move to the 2nd sc in the same st.





16. **Dark grey:** Ch 3 (does count as 1<sup>st</sup> dc of the corner), in the same st (+ ch 2, 1 dc). \* Dc, sk 1 st, 3 dcs into the ch-sp, sk 1 st. Dc in the next 26 sts, sk 1 st, 3 dcs into the ch-sp, sk 1 st, dc in the next st, (dc, ch 2, dc) into the corner \*. Repeat \*-\* 4 times in total. Stitch count 38 sts per side (including 2 chs in the corner). Join to the 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of the 1<sup>st</sup> corner with a sl st. The square is almost ready till the last egg.



17. **Orange:** Change a smaller hook size (e.g. 2,5 mm) to make the 7<sup>th</sup> egg into the magic ring: 12 scs along the edge of magic ring. Dc in every second st (6 dcs). Join with a sl st. Join all dcs together by closing the egg. Fasten off on the back side.



**Congratulations, Maailman syntä – The Birth of the World is ready. I hope you enjoyed the journey with me.**