

KALEVALA-CAL

THE POHJOLA WEDDING

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Now we sing the wondrous legends,
Songs of wedding-feasts and dances,
Sing the melodies of wedlock,
Sing the songs of old tradition;
Sing of Ilmarinen's marriage
To the Maiden of the Rainbow,
Fairest daughter of the Northland,
Sing the drinking-songs of Pohya.

Long prepared they for the wedding
In Pohyola's halls and chambers,
In the courts of Sariola

(Poem XX)

Quick the servants of Pohyola
Tore away the upper cross-bar,
That his cap might not be lifted;
Made the oaken threshold lower
That the hero might not stumble;
Made the birch-wood portals wider,
Opened full the door of welcome,
Easy entrance for the suitor.

(Poem XXI)

References: <http://www.sacred-texts.com/neu/kveng/kvrune20.htm>, <http://www.sacred-texts.com/neu/kveng/kvrune21.htm>

Louhi, the hostess of Pohjola, has an amazingly beautiful daughter that has many interested suitors. *Lemminkäinen* wanted to marry the *Maiden*, but sadly he drowned. *Louhi* would like her daughter to marry *Väinämöinen*, but the *Maiden* thinks that he is too old for her and instead falls in love with gorgeous *Ilmarinen*. *Louhi* tests the future-son-in-law by giving him fierce tasks to solve, and in the end *Louhi* has to accept her loss. There will be a grand wedding party with all the Pohjola folks and their guests, and the *Maiden* will become the hostess for *Ilmarinen*.

The wedding – what a wonderful reason to feast! Family and friends are gathered around the tables full of delicious food. The bride is beautiful and the groom is handsome. Everyone is feeling emotional. There is a promising feeling of a lifelong happiness in the air and the lovers, who get one another.

Joy, happiness and love were my inspiration for designing this square. Bridal bouquet in the hearth of work I want to include here, and homeyard of Pohjola where guests are dancing until morning in the middle of the garlands. Golden bridal crowns with jewel I placed each side to describe the bride and bridegroom and their happiness and love on the wedding day

Stitches used in this square are basically well-known. It is actually the variations between the stiches and all those backposts and frontposts and puffs and popcorns that give you the challenge. And working with several colours even double the challenge! This is why I have rated the challenge of level as moderately difficult and pretty tricky.

Would you like to come along? Let's go celebrate the Pohjola Wedding!

The Pohjola Wedding – 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
	Yellow	2317
	Olive green	9963
	Magenta	8755
	Purple	757
	Dark grey	203



Other equipment: Scissors and blunt needle for fastening off and securing yarn ends.

Stitch abbreviations and explanations (US terms)

ch	chain	BPsc	back post single crochet
sl st	slip stitch	BPhdc	back post half double crochet
sc	single crochet	BPdc	back post double crochet
hdc	half double crochet	pc	popcorn, see Special stitches
dc	double crochet (yo once)	puff	puff stitch, see Special stitches
tr	treble crochet (yo twice)	sk	skip stitch/stitches
dtr	double treble crochet (yo 3 times)	st	stitch
dc2tog	2 double crochets together		
FPhdc	front post half double crochet		

Special stitches

puff (puff stitch with 3 Yarn Over (YO)): (YO, insert hook into stitch, YO and pull through the stitch) 3 times, (now have 7 lps on hook), YO, draw through all 7 lps on hook and ch 1 to close the puff (ch does not count as stitch)

pc, popcorn (made with *hdcs*, this pc is smaller than the usual 5dc-pc): Start by making 4 hdc in the same stitch. Take hook off the yarn after the last hdc, insert hook into the first hdc, pick up the dropped loop of the last hdc and pull this lp through first hdc. Ch 1 to close the pc (ch does not count as stitch).

Standing stitch (SS): slideshow [here](#) & video tutorials from YouTube [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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The Pohjola Wedding – Pattern

1. round

→ Start with orange yarn and make Magic ring [[Magic ring](#)], ch 1 [*does not count as st*], 8 sc. Join to the 1st sc with a sl st. [[Photo 1](#)] Secure yarn ends carefully.

Total: 8 sc.

2. round

→ Take yellow yarn and start with a SS dc2tog in the sl st of previous round.

→ If you continue with the same colour, start with ch 2 [=first dc], dc in the same st.

(ch 2, dc2tog) 7 times, ch 2. Join to the 1st dc2tog with a sl st. [[Photo 2](#)]

Total: 8 x dc2tog, 8 x ch2-sp.

3. round

→ Take olive green yarn. Start with a SShdc in any ch-sp of previous round, ch 1, hdc in the same ch-sp.

→ If you continue with the same colour, sl st to the next ch-sp, ch 3 [=first hdc + ch 1], hdc in the same ch-sp.

(ch 2, hdc, ch 1, hdc) in every ch-sp of previous round, ch 2. Join to the 1st hdc or ch-sp with a sl st. [[Photo 3](#)]

Total: 16 hdc, 8 x ch2-sp, 8 x ch 1.



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

4. round

→ Take magenta yarn. Start making pc with a SShdc in the ch between hdcs of previous round. [[Photo 4](#)] Finish pc and close it with ch 1 [*does not count as st*]. [[Photos 5-7](#)]

→ If you continue with the same colour, sl st to the ch-sp. Ch 2 [=first hdc of pc], make another 3 hdc and finish pc, close pc with ch 1 [*does not count as st*].

(ch 5, pc in the ch between hdcs) 7 times, ch 5. Join to the closing ch of the 1st pc with a sl st. *[Photo 8]*

Total: 8 pc, 8 x ch5-sp.



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6



Photo 7



Photo 8

5. round

→ Take dark grey yarn. Start with a SSc in the pc of previous round.

→ If you continue with the same colour, make sc in the pc.

*sc around the ch-sp (magenta, round 4) *[Photo 9]*, 3 dc around both ch-sps (magenta of round 4 and olive green of round 3) *[Photo 10]*, sc around the ch-sp (magenta of round 4), sc in the pc*. Repeat *-* 8 times, omitting the last sc. Join to the 1st sc with a sl st. *[Photo 11]*

Total: 24 dc, 24 sc.



Photo 9



Photo 10



Photo 11

6. round

→ Take olive green yarn. Start with a SSc in any 3rd sc.

→ If you continue with the same colour, ch 1, sc in the sc after the pc.

*ch 1, sk 1, sc, sk 2, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in the same st, sk 2 [*note that the 1st st to be skipped is slightly hidden*], sc, ch 1, sk 1, sc, ch 1, sk 1, sc.* Repeat 4 times, omitting the last sc. Join to the 1st sc / ch 1 with a sl st. [*Photo 12*]

Total: Side: 4 sc, ch 3. Corner: 3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc.

7. round

→ Take magenta yarn. Start with a SShdc in the centremost ch1-sp of the side of the square, ch 1.

→ If you continue with the same colour, start with ch 3 [= 1 hdc + ch 1].

hdc in the next ch-sp, ch 1, hdc in the 1st dc of the corner, ch 2, (puff, ch 2, puff, ch 2, puff) in the corner ch-sp, ch 2, hdc in the last dc of the corner, ch 1, hdc in the next ch-sp, ch 1, hdc, ch 1. Repeat 4 times, omitting the last hdc. Join to the 1st hdc / ch-sp with a sl st. [*Photo 13*]

Total: Side: 5 hdc, 2 x ch2-sp, 4 x ch1-sp. Corner: 3 puffs, 2 x ch2-sp.



Photo 12



Photo 13

8. round

→ Take purple yarn. Start with a SSc in the ch-sp after the sl st of previous round, sc into the same ch-sp.

→ If you continue with the same colour, ch 1, 2 sc into the next ch-sp.

2 sc in the next two ch-sps, *FPhdc around puff, 3 sc in the ch-sp, ch 1, FPhdc around puff, ch 1, 3 sc into the ch-sp, FPhdc around puff, (2 sc in every ch-sp) 6 times.*

Repeat *-* 4 times, omitting the last 3 x 2 sc. Join to the 1st sc with a sl st. [*Photo 14*]

Total: Side: 12 sc. Corner: 3 FPhdc, 2 x 3 sc.

9. round

→ Take dark grey yarn. Start with a SS-BPhdc in the sl st.

→ If you continue with the same colour, ch 1 [*does not count as st*], BPhdc in the same st.

Continue making BPhdc in every st, until you reach the second FPhdc in the corner. In this FPhdc make (BPdc, ch 3, BPdc) [= *corner*]. Continue making BPhdc in every st along the side and (BPdc, ch 3, BPdc) in every corner. Join to the first BPhdc with a sl st. Do not cut the yarn! [*Photo 15*]

Total: Side: 20 BPhdc. Corner: 2 BPdc, ch 3.



Photo 14



Photo 15

If you are making a multicoloured square, you will use dark grey and yellow in the next two rounds. Keep both colours with you the whole round through as follows: when making the dark grey part, yellow yarn runs under dark grey yarn, so you make dark grey stitches over the yellow yarn – and vice versa. If you are not so familiar with this technique, you can check it out [in this video](#).

If you are making a single coloured square, just crochet the rounds through with one colour.

10. round

→ Continue with dark grey yarn. → Take the yellow yarn along also.

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| D. grey | Ch 1 [<i>does not count as st</i>], BPhdc in the same st. [Photo 16] |
| Yellow | *BPhdc, sk 1, (BPhdc, ch 1, BPhdc) in the same st, sk 2, (BPhdc, ch 1, BPhdc) in the same st, sk 1, BPhdc. [Photo 17] |
| D. grey | 2 BPhdc, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the corner ch-sp, 2 BPhdc. [Photo 18] |
| Yellow | BPhdc, sk 1, (BPhdc, ch 1, BPhdc) in the same st, sk 2, (BPhdc, ch 1, BPhdc) in the same st, sk 1, BPhdc. |
| D. grey | 2 BPhdc* [<i>these sts should fall in the same place as the centremost hdc of round 7</i>] [Photo 19]. Repeat *-* 4 times, omitting the last BPhdc. Join to the first BPhdc with a sl st. Do not cut the yarn!
[Photo 20] |

Total: Side: 18 BPhdc, 4 x ch 1. Corner: 2 x 2 dc, ch 3.



Photo 16



Photo 17



Photo 18



Photo 19



Photo 20

11. round

→ Continue with dark grey yarn → and also with yellow yarn.

- D. grey Ch 2 *[does not count as st]*, BPdc in the same st *[the grey BPhdc]*, dc. *[Photo 21]*
 Yellow *dc in between the hdcs of previous round, ch 2, sc in the ch-sp, ch 3, tr in between the
 hdcs, ch 3, sc in the ch-sp, ch 2, dc in the BPhdc. *[The first Bridal Crown is made!]*
 [Photo 22]
- D. grey 4 BPdc, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the corner ch-sp, 3 BPdc, sk 1, dc *[in the yellow BPhdc]*.
 Yellow dc in between the hdcs of previous round *[Photo 23]*, ch 2, sc in the ch-sp, ch 3, tr in
 between the hdcs, ch 3, sc in the ch-sp, ch 2, dc in the BPhdc *[The 2nd Bridal Crown is
 made!]*.
- D. grey 2 BPdc *[make these sts in the dark grey BPhdcs of previous round]*, dc *[in the yellow
 BPhdc]*. *
 Repeat *-* 4 times, omitting the last BPdc and dc. Join to the 1st BPdc with a sl st.
 [Photo 24]

Total: Side: 2 yellow bridal crowns ☺, 9 BPdc, 2 dc. Corner: 2 x 2 dc, ch 3.



Photo 21



Photo 22



Photo 23



Photo 24

12. round

- Take olive green yarn. Start with a SShdc in the 2nd dark grey BPdc in the middle of any side, ch 2.
- If you continue with the same colour, ch 4 [= 1 hdc + ch 2].

Puff in the ch2-sp, ch 2, BPsc around the tr, ch 2, puff in the ch2-sp, ch 2, sk 2, hdc, ch 2, sk 1, hdc, ch 2, sk 2. (Puff, ch 3, puff) into the corner ch-sp. Ch 2, sk 2, hdc, ch 2, sk 1, hdc, ch 2, puff in the ch2-sp, ch 2, BPsc around the tr, ch 2, puff in the ch2-sp, ch 2, sk 2, hdc, ch 2. Repeat *-* 4 times, omitting the last hdc and ch 2. Join to the 1st hdc with a sl st. [Photo 25]

Total: Side: 4 puffs, 5 hdc, 2 x BPsc, 12 x ch2-sp. Corner: 2 puffs, ch 3.

13. round

- Take dark grey yarn. Start with a SSc in the ch-sp after the sl st of previous round, sc in the same ch-sp.
- If you continue with the same colour, ch 1, 2 sc in the next ch-sp.

Make 2 sc in each ch2-sp along the side and FPhdc around each puff st. Skip other stitches. [Photo 26]
Make (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in the corner ch-sp. Repeat around the whole square and join to the 1st sc with a sl st. [Photo 27]

Total: Side: 24 sc, 6 FPhdc. Corner: 2 x 2 sc, ch 2.



Photo 25



Photo 26



Photo 27

14. round

- Take magenta yarn. Start with a SShdc in the sl st of previous round, ch 2.
- If you continue with the same colour, ch 4 [= 1 hdc + ch 2].

*hdc in the next FPhdc, ch 2, sk 2, puff [*in the sc of previous round AND the tr of round 11*] [Photos 28, 29], ch 2, sk 2, hdc in the FPhdc, ch 2, sk 2, (hdc, ch 2, sk 1) 2 times, hdc, ch 2, sk 2.

(hdc, ch 1, dtr, ch 1, hdc) into the corner ch-sp [*make the dtr of the corner also in the corner ch-sp of round 11, in between the puffs*] [Photo 30]).

Ch 2, sk 2, hdc in the FPhdc, ch 2, sk 2, hdc, ch 2, sk 1, hdc, ch 2, sk 1, hdc in the FPhdc, ch 2, sk 2, puff [*in the sc of previous round AND the tr of round 11*] [Photos 28, 29], ch 2, sk 1, hdc in the FPhdc, ch 2, sk 2, hdc, ch 2, sk 2.*

Repeat *-* 4 times, omitting the last hdc and ch 2. Join to the 1st hdc / ch-sp with a sl st. [Photo 31]
[Tip: the magenta hdc's should fall in the same spot as the olive green hdc's of round 12.]

Total: Side: 11 hdc, 2 puffs, 14 x ch2-sp. Corner: 1 dtr, 2 hdc, 2 x ch 1.



Photo 28



Photo 29



Photo 30



Photo 31



Photo 32



Photo 33

15. round

- Take purple yarn. Start with a SSc in the ch-sp after the sl st of previous round, sc in the same ch-sp.
- If you continue with the same colour, ch 1, 2 sc in the next ch-sp.

Make 2 sc in each ch2-sp on the side and FPhdc around each puff st. Skip other stitches. Make the corner as follows: 2 sc and ch 3 in the 1st ch-sp and 2 sc in the 2nd ch-sp. Repeat for the whole square and join to the 1st sc with a sl st. *[Photo 32]*

Total: Side: 28 sc, 2 FPhdc. Corner: 2 x 2 sc, ch 3.

16. round

→ Take dark grey yarn and make a SS-BPdc.

→ If you continue with the same colour, ch 2 *[does not count as dc]*, BPdc in the same st.

Make BPdc in every stitch along the side. Make (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the corner ch-sp. Repeat for the whole square and join to the 1st BPdc with a sl st. *[Photo 33]*

Total: Side: 34 BPdc. Corner: 2 x 2 dc, ch 3.

Finishing

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

Your square is ready now!

I hope you had just as much fun in this wedding as I did designing this square.

Thank you for taking this journey with me!



May 2017, Taina Tauschi

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