

NOTHING CONQUERS THE VUOKSI

KALEVALA-CAL

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My square got inspiration from the river and its swirls. In **Kalevala** the river was awed, going over the river was not easy and the foams of the rapids were frightening. The free foaming rapids fascinate me. There are long twisted trebles in the corners of this square which describes the swirls. The name of the pattern also indicates my hometown *Imatra* and *Vuoksi* rapids that are my every day admiration.

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 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](#).

"Three in number, inland oceans,
Three in number, lofty
mountains,
Shooting to the vault of heaven.
Hallapyora's near to Yaemen,
Katrakoski in Karyala;
Imatra, the falling water,
Tumbles, roaring, into Wuoksi."

" If all these prove insufficient,
Feed on other worthy matters;
Let the hot stones freeze
asunder,
Let the flaming rocks be frozen,
Freeze the fiery blocks of iron,
Freeze to ice the iron mountains;
Stiffen well the mighty Wuoksi,
Let Imatra freeze to silence;
Freeze the sacred stream and
whirlpool"

" If the way be crossed by
streamlets,
If the path be stopped by rivers,
Make a bridge of silken fabric,
Weaving webs of scarlet color,
Drive the deer-herd gently over,
Lead them gently o'er the waters,
O'er the rivers of thy forests,
O'er the streams of thy
dominions."

Kalevala Poems 3, 30 and 14, <http://www.sacred-texts.com/neu/kveng/>

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COLOUR SCHEMES



Lanka: Menita Lasse (Forest -colour scheme)

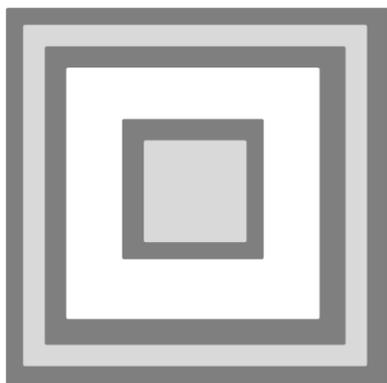
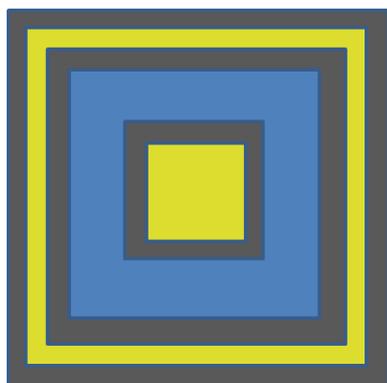
- Colour 1 Yellow 2317
- Colour 2 Dark grey 203
- Colour 3 Petrol blue 8962

Grey shades (Rock -colour scheme)

- Colour 1 Light grey 205
- Colour 2 Dark grey 203
- Colour 3 White 100

If you are using the colour scheme with white colour, make the foams of Vuoksi in white.

Using three colours:



- Rows 1-7 colour 1
- Rows 8-9 colour 2
- Rows 10-12 colour 3
- Rows 13-14 colour 2
- Row 15 colour 1
- Row 16 colour 2

Total Yarn required 155 grammes as per:

- colour 1: 43 grammes
- colour 2: 88 grammes
- colour 3: 24 grammes

STITCH ABBREVIATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS (US TERMS)

•• ch	chain	• FPdc	Front Post double crochet
• sl st	slip stitch	• BPhdc	Back Post half double crochet
• sc	single crochet	• tr8-tr	treble (yarn over 8 times), see special stitches
• dc	double crochet (yarn over once)	• cl	cluster of 3 dcs <i>in the same stitch</i>
• tr	treble crochet (yarn over twice)		
• hdc	half double crochet		

SPECIAL STITCHES

• tr8-tr Wrapped extra long treble:



First make a extra long tr with yarn over 8 times. Then use this treble as yarn: tr8 over on hook twice and make a tr in the same st as the previous tr = two twists made. In the beginning of the row make wrapped treble by making 8 chains first, chain over on hook twice and make a tr. In this picture there are more chains done between the trs just to show them better.

[Photo 2]

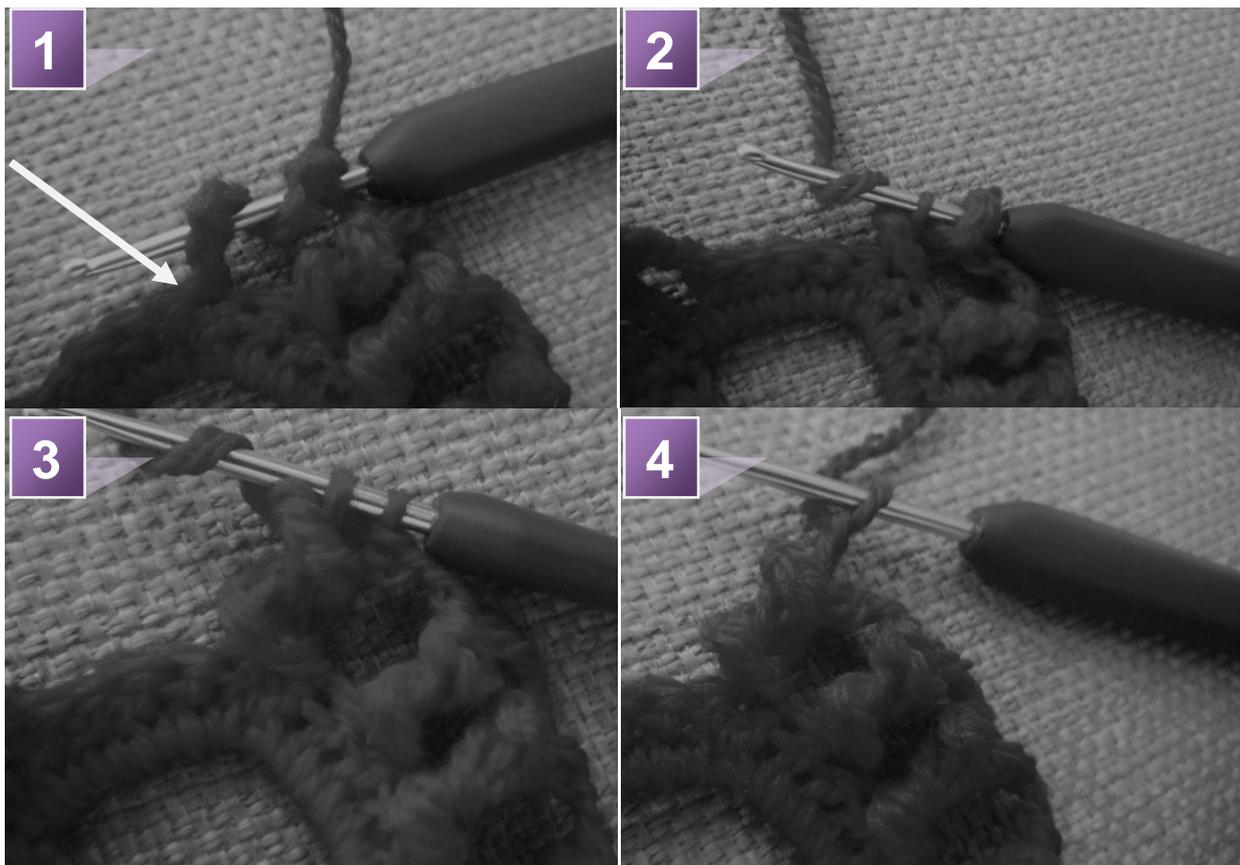
1. Treble with 8 yarn overs.



[Photo 3]

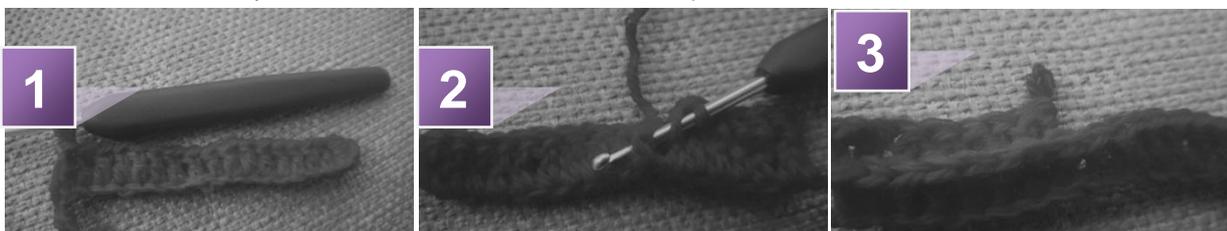
2. Treble made of the previous treble.

Tr8 over on your hook twice. Insert hook in the stem of twisted tr and make a tr. *[Photo 4]*



[Photo 4]

• **FPdc Front Post double crochet:** Make one row of dcs before the FPdcs [1]. On the 2nd row insert hook to the back of the dc of previous row [2]. [There is a neat loop line on the other side [3].] [Photo 5]



[Photo 5]

• **BPhdc Back Post half double crochet:** Insert hook from the back side of the work around the post of the st, yarn over and finish the hdc.

• **Cluster of 3 dcs:**



[Photo 6]

3 dcs in the same st. Yarn over (YO) hook, insert hook in stitch (st), pull up a loop (lp), 3 lps on hook. YO hook, pull through 2 lps. YO hook insert in same st, pull up a lp, 4 lps on hook. YO, pull through 2 lps, 3 lps on hook. YO, insert hook in same st again. 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. [Photo 6]

Tips for reading the pattern

The pattern is written to work with one color. When making a multicoloured square, secure ends on the back side of the work when changing colour. If, in the pattern there is "sl st" before the new row begins, start with a new colour straight from the beginning of the pattern. You can use either dcs, hdcs or scs on the last row, depending what size the square is. In the pattern however BPhdcs are used.

- 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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Thank you!

NOTHING CONQUERS THE VUOKSI – PATTERN

First make a centre square (back and forth in rows).

Ch 9.

Row 1. Turn, ch 3, 9 dcs.

Row 2. Turn, ch 2, 8 FPdcs and 1 hdc.

Repeat rows 1 and 2, 3 times in total. *[On the other side of the square, there are now 3 “raised” lines (that look like rows of chains), around which the pattern is to be made. Photo 7]*

The finished centre looks like this *[6 rows in total]*:



[Photo 7]

Stitch count: 10 sts and 6 rows

Now you will crochet around the centre square.

Round 7. Turn *[the raised sts should be on the right side of the work]*, make dcs around the square. Ch 3, 9 dcs on the 1st side. Then 10 dc on every side. In each corner ch 3. Join in the 1st dc (made of 3 ch) with a sl st. *[Hint: as you start making the 3rd side of dcs, working over the yarn tail. There should be 52 sts in total around the square. On each side, there should be 3 dcs between the raised rows and 3 dcs in each corner. Photo 8 and photo 9]*



[Photo 8]



[Photo 9]

Round 8. *dc in the 1st dc *[on the 1st side ch 3 to replace dc]*, ch 2, sk 2 dc, dc in the next st, ch 2, sk 2 dc, dc in the next st, ch 2, sk 2 dc, dc in the next st, 2 dc in the ch-sp, ch 3, 2 dc in the same ch-sp*, repeat *-* on each next 3 sides and join to the 3rd ch with a sl st. *[There are now 3 ch-sps on each side and ch-sp between 3 dcs in the corners. Photo 10]*

Stitch count: 14 sts per side and ch 3 in each corner



[Photo 10]

Round 9. Make sc in every st of the previous round on each side *[replace the 1st sc with ch]* and 5 sc in ch3-sps in every corner, join to the 1st sc with a sl st. *[Photo 11]*

Stitch count: 14 scs per side and 5 scs in every corner



[Photo 11]



[Photo 12]

Round 10. *Ch 5, sk 2 sts, sc in the next st* repeat 2 more times, ch 3, sk st, sc in the next st, ch 8, sk 5 sts *[over the corner]*, sc, ch 3, sk st, sc in the next st. Repeat **the previous from the beginning** until the end of the round, join to the beginning of the ch5-sp with a sl st. *[There are now 2 ch3-sps and 3 ch5-sps on each side. Ch8-sp in every corner. Photo 12]*

Round 11. Sl st 3 times to the ch-sp, *ch 5, sc in the ch5-sp, ch 5, sc in the ch5-sp, ch 5 *[sk the ch3-sp]*, 8 dc in the ch8-sp, ch 5 *[sk the ch3-sp]*, sc in the ch5-sp* repeat 3 more times, join to the beginning of the ch5-sp with a sl st. *[Photo 13]*

Stitch count: 8 dcs in every corner ch-sp and 4 ch5-sps on each side



[Photo 13]

Round 12. 3 sl st until the middle of the ch5-sp, *ch 5, sc in the next ch-sp, ch 5, [sk the next ch5-sp], (tr8-tr in every dc, ch 1) repeat (-) 8 times in total, ch 4, [sk the next ch5-sp], sc in the ch5-sp* repeat*-* 3 more times and join to the beginning of the ch5-sp with a sl st. [Photo 14]



[Photo 14]



[Photo 15]

Round 13. 3 sl st until the middle of the ch-sp, *cl in the ch5-sp [replace the 1st dc of cl with ch3 in the beginning of the row], ch 5, sc between the 1st and 2nd tr8-trs, ch 5, sc between the 3rd and 4th tr8-trs, ch 5, tr between the 4th and 5th tr8-trs, ch 5, sc between the 5th and 6th tr8-trs, ch 5, sc between the 7th and 8th tr8-trs, ch 5* repeat*-* 3 more times, join to the 1st cl with a sl st. [Photo 15]

Round 14. Sl st in the beginning of the ch-sp, ch 3, 4 dc in the ch-sp, 5 dc in the next ch-sp, 5 dc in the next ch-sp, ch 3 [corner], 5 dc in the next ch-sp. Make 5 dc in every following ch-sp and ch3 in each corner, join to the 1st ch3-sp with a sl st. [Photo 16]

Stitch count: 30 dcs per side and 3 ch in corners



[Photo 16]

Round 15. *Dc [replaces the 1st dc with ch3 in the beginning of the row], (ch 1, sk dc, dc in the next st), repeat (-) 6 more times, [the latest dc falls in the last dc before the corner, 7 ch-sps in total], (2 dc, ch 3, 2dc) in the same ch-sp, dc in the 1st dc, (ch 1, sk dc, dc in the next st) repeat (-) 7 times in total.* Repeat **the previous from the beginning** until the end of the round, join with a sl st. [there should be 7 ch-sps after each corner and on both sides of the 2 central dcs. Photo 17]

Stitch count: 34 sts per side and ch3-sp per corner



[Photo 17]

Round 16. Ch 3, BPhdc in every dc, hdc in every ch-sp. (2 hdc, ch 2, 2 hdc) in the corner ch-sp. Join with a sl st. [Photo 18]

Stitch count: 18 hcs and 20 BPhdcs per side and ch2-sps per corner

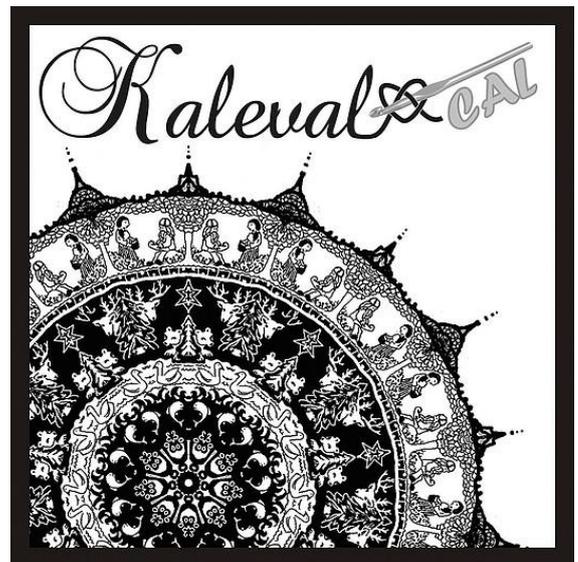


[Photo 18]

Secure the yarn ends to the back side of the work, steam and let it dry flat. [Finished square: Photo 19]



[Photo 19]



EPILOGUE

I got the inspiration for this square from my home region. The Imatra rapids is a great scene and I can only imagine, what it was like in the old days when Vuoksi was not yet harnessed. The centre of the pattern describes the flowing water. The extra long trebles, expressing the swirls of the rapids, I have not seen anything similar before elsewhere. I hope you had fun crocheting this pattern.



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