KALEVALA-CAL

TAPIO

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My square

The inspiration for this square is Kalevala's Tapio, the spirit of the forest. As I like to
enjoy the forest, this brought to my mind the mushrooms of an Autumn forest and the hanging branches of a spruce.

About the CAL

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.

Info

Yarn: Menita's Lasse

Hook: 4 mm

Colors:

1. Forest green 8947
2. Olive green 9963
3. Yellow 2317
4. Orange 3309
5. Dark grey 203

Other

This square is for beginners. I recommend blocking the square after crocheting.

Stitches and abbreviations

· ch	chain
· sl st	slip stitch
· sc	single crochet
· hdc	half double crochet
· dc	double crochet
· tr	triple crochet
· dc5tog	5 dcs together, see instructions below

Special stitches and techniques

- **Puff-stitch:** This puff-stitch is made with 5 yarn overs (yo). Yo, insert the hook into the stitch, pull the yarn through and repeat 4 times. Then pull yarn through all the loops on the hook. Close the puff-stitch with a ch which doesn't count as a st.
- **dc5tog:** Yo, insert the hook into the stitch, pull the yarn through, yo, pull the yarn through 2 loops on the hook (=unfinished dc), make unfinished dcs into 4 more stitches. Finally, pull the yarn through all the loops on the hook. *[All the dcs stand on their own stitches at the bottom, but are joined together at the top]*
- **SS:** Standing stitch technique. Tutorial video can be found here!
- **Invisible join:** Tutorial video can be found here!

Other tips

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

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

*…** Contains part of *…* repeats, starting from * and ending to **. The rest of the pattern marked with *…* are skipped.

 […] *Between square brackets, written in purple in italic, there are tips and guides to help you through the pattern.*

{…} After each row, there is a stitch count of each row or each side of square.

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TAPIO – the pattern

Starting row: (Color 1) Ch 5 and close it to form a loop.

Round 1: Ch 3 *[starting chain, count as dc]* 9 dc, close the round with sl st into the 3rd ch of the starting chain.

{10 dc}

Round 2: ch 5 *[starting chain, counts as dc + ch 2]*, *dc, ch 2*, repeat *…* 9 times in total around the circle and join with sl st to the 3rd ch of the starting chain.

{10 dc, 10 ch2-sp}

Round 3: (Color 2) sl st to the ch-space, ch 3 *[starting chain, counts as dc]* 2 dc, * skip dc, 3 dc in the ch2-space*, repeat *…* 9 times in total around the circle, join with invisible join to the 3rd ch of the starting chain. Weave in the ends.

{30 dc}

Round 4: (Color 3) Work SS puff-stitch between the two 3-dc groups, *ch 4, puff-stitch between the 3-dc groups*, repeat *…* 9 times in total, ch 4. Join with invisible join to the first puff-stitch. Cut off the yarn and weave in the ends.

{10 puff-stitches, 10 ch4-sp}

Round 5: (Color 4) Work dc5tog starting from any of the ch4-spaces, starting with a SS, *ch 7, dc5tog*, repeat *…* 10 times in total around the circle, ch 7, join with sl st to the first dc5tog. *[Work the unfinished dcs of dc5tog as follows: 2 unfinished dc in the chains before puff st, 1 on top of puff st, 2 in the chains after puff st]*

{10 dc5tog, 10 ch7-sp}

Round 6: (Color 2) ch 3 *[starting chain, counts as dc. If you start with SS, do it on top of the dc5tog done on the last row]*, *7 dc into the ch-space, dc on top of dc5tog*, repeat *…* 10 times in total around the circle omitting the last dc on the last repeat, join with sl st to the 3rd ch of starting chain.

{80 dc}

Round 7: (Color 4) Ch 1, sc into the same stitch with closing sl st of round 6, sc in the next 2 sts, *2 hdc, 3 dc, tr, 2 tr in the next stitch, ch 3, 2 tr in the next stitch, tr, 3 dc, 2 hdc **, sc in the next 6 sts*, repeat *…* twice more and *…** once, sc in the next 3 sts, join with sl st to the first sc.

{6 sc, 4 hdc, 6 dc, 6 tr and ch3-sp per side}

Round 8: (Color 3) Ch1, sc into the same stitch as the closing sl st of round 7, sc in the next st, * ch 4, skip 3 stitches, sc, ch 4, skip 2 stitches, sc, ch 4, skip 2 stitches, sc into the corner ch-space, ch 4, sc into the same corner ch-space, ch 4, skip 2 stitches *[remember to count the first hidden stitch in the corner]*, sc, ch 4, skip 2 stitches, sc, ch 4**, skip 3 stitches, 4 sc *[to the middle of the side]**, repeat *...* twice more and *...** once, skip 3 stitches, sc in the next 2 sts. Join with sl st to the 1st sc at the beginning of the round.

{10 sc, 24 ch, ch-space in the corner per side}

Round 9: (Color 1) ch1, sc into the same stitch as the closing sl st of round 8, *(ch 4, sc in the ch-space) *[notice there will only be one sc in the corners!]*, repeat 8 times in total, 2 sc *[in the middle of the side, first sc in the 2nd sc]**, repeat *...* 3 more times, omitting last sc. Join with sl st to the first sc of the round.

{8 ch4-spaces, 9 sc *[including one in the corner]* per side}

Round 10: (Color 1) Ch 3 *[starting chain, counts as dc]*, (3 dc into the ch-space, dc in the sc), repeat 3 more times, ch 3, * dc into the same corner sc as the previous dc, (3 dc into the ch4-space, dc in the sc), repeat 7 more times, ch 3*, repeat *...* twice in total, (3 dc into the ch4-space, dc in the sc), repeat 2 more times, dc in the next 3 sts. Join with invisible join to the starting chain, cut off the yarn and weave in the ends.

{33 dc, ch3-sp in the corner per side}

Round 11: (Color 5) Start with SS dc in any of the dcs of previous round and make dc in every dc with (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the corners. Join with invisible join to the 1st dc, cut off the yarn and weave in the ends.

{37 dc, ch3-sp in the corner per side}

And now the Tapio is ready! I hope you enjoyed making it!

Tip. You can share the photos of your own square in social media using the hashtag #KalevalaCAL!