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Rya Rug Kits



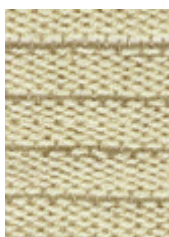
All our rya kits are individually handmade. The rya backing is specially woven on a floor loom. Each of the rya yarns is hand-dyed specifically for the individual kit, making each rug unique. Because the yarns are hand-dyed, colours may not be exactly as shown. With hand-dyeing, there will be some colour variation in the yarns, creating interesting colour and blend effects to your rya. As the yarns are dyed at the time of the order, for some designs you may select a different colour for the background.

All the Rya Rug kits are handmade. The backing is handwoven on a floor loom using a linen warp and pure wool weft. The yarn for the knotted rya pile is a pure wool yarn and is hand-dyed at the time of your order. The kit also includes instructions for making a rya, a printed pattern - similar to a cross stitch pattern, sewing needles and a wooden ruler or jig for forming the knots.

Depending on current production schedules please allow 4-12 weeks for completion of your order.

Rya Kit Prices

Size	Approx. Weight	Cost	Shipping	Total Cost
2'x2'	.5 kg	\$135.00 US	\$15.00	\$150.00
2'x4'	1 kg	\$270.00	\$30.00	\$300.00
3'x5'	1.5 kg	\$475.00	\$45.00	\$520.00
4'x5'	2.5 kg	\$480.00	\$55.00	\$535.00
4'x6'	3 kg	\$525.00	\$65.00	\$590.00



Rya Backing Only

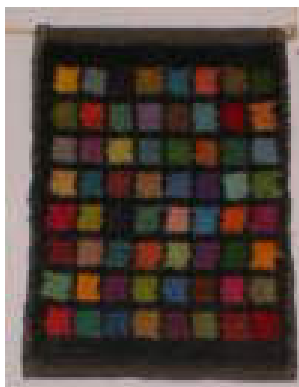
2'x2'	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$60.00
2'x4'	\$100.00	\$15.00	\$115.00
3'x5'	\$125.00	\$20.00	\$145.00
4'x5'	\$135.00	\$20.00	\$155.00
4'x6'	\$150.00	\$22.00	\$172.00

Prices payable in US Funds.

Prices subject to change depending on current exchange rates.

Please check the website for current prices.

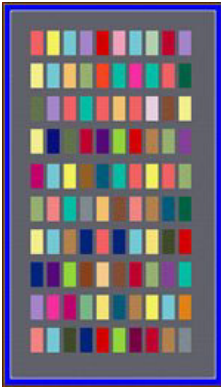
Payment can be made by personal cheque or money order payable to Paivi Suomi



Many of the original Finnish ryas used simple, geometric designs, squares, diamonds, and floral shapes. Following are a few of the designs that are currently available. Please check the website for the latest additions. If you would like to design your own rya rug please contact me for further information.

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Ikkuna - Windowpanes



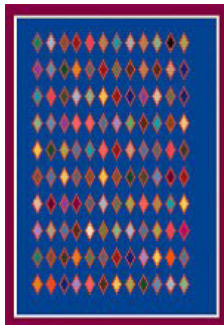
These windowpanes of colour, feature hand-dyed yarns. Each block is a different shade, surrounded by dark navy coloured wool. The arrangement of the coloured blocks is left to the maker of the rug, making each Rya a true original.

2' X 2'

Coloured blocks are approx 2" square

3' X 5', 4'x6'

Coloured blocks are approx. 3" square



Timanhti - Diamonds

Diamond-shaped hand-dyed colours, surrounded by gold/yellow on a navy background.



Tree of Life

A recurrent theme in the Rya is the Tree of Life. The Tree of Life was traditionally woven for the Bride and Groom to celebrate their wedding day. You may select your choice of background colours: natural white, dark blue, or dark red. The flowers on the Trees can be all one colour (e.g. Yellow - shown) or many different hand-dyed colours.



Stars & Crosses

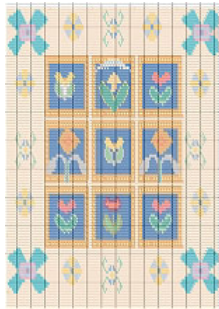
Background is Dark Blue, with a rust/red border.

Can be ordered in sizes:

2' x 2' or

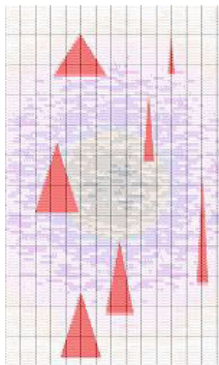
3' x 5', 4'x5', 4'x6'

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Kukkia

A floral design based on a rya woven in Saarijärvi, Finland. (1790)



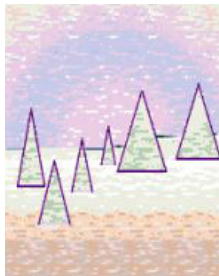
Triangles

Red triangles on a "sunburst" background. With shades of blue, purple, grey and yellows.

Or choose your own colour combination. All yarns are hand-dyed at the time of your order.

3' x 5'

4' x 5', 4' x 6'

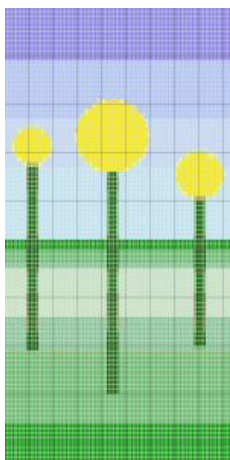


Sunset in the Mountains

Brown and green landscape, with Purple and Dark Green Mountains.

3' x 5'

4' x 5', 4' x 6'



Sunflowers

Bright yellow sunflowers against a sky blue and grassy green landscape.

2' x 4'

3' x 4'

4 x 5'

Making a Rya Rug

The Finnish Rya is made of knotted wool (with about a 1 - 1.5 inch pile), tied to a handwoven fabric backing. The special rya backing is woven using linen warp and wool weft. The backing is woven with spacing to allow the rya knots to be tied or sewn in.



The Rya knot is similar to the Ghiordes knot used in Persian rugs. It is formed by sewing the yarn around the warp threads of the backing, wrapping the loops around a ruler or jig, and then cutting the loops afterwards.

The Rya knot is formed around 2 warp threads.

The warp threads are the linen yarn threads that run vertically in the fabric.

To make the Rya knots, use 2 or 3 strands of yarn.

Length about 1.5 - 2 yards

Thread them onto a needle provided with the kit

2 strands creates a rya that will lay fairly flat

3 strands creates a rya that has quite a dense pile

Sufficient yarn is provided for either style of rya.

You may work the knots from either the right or the left of the fabric.

I find it best to work the Rya starting from the bottom of the piece. Centre the design on the fabric.



Start from the inside of the group of 2 warp threads

(Working from left to right:

Pull the yarn through and up to the left.

Hold back about an inch of yarn (the length of the wooden ruler provided)

This forms the first part of the knot.

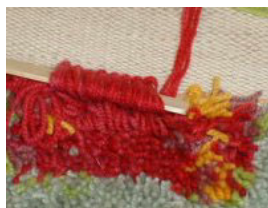


Sew the needle through the next warp thread

from the outside to the inside of this group of 2 warp threads.



Tighten up the loop that has formed around the 2 warp threads.



Wrap the thread around the ruler.

This forms the Rya loop. Repeat the above procedure for the required number of knots in the design, leaving the knots on the ruler as you work your way across the fabric.

When the ruler fills up, or you are starting a new colour, the ruler can be moved and the process repeated.

Cut the loops with scissors to form the rya pile.