

Öjbro Vantfabrik

Pattern # Ringdans

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The pattern "Ring Dance" is inspired by the folk song: "the maiden is dancing with red gull ribbons." Written by Hugo Alfvén (1872-1960). Hugo Alfvén is considered one of Sweden's most prominent national romantic composers. Composition technically he was very skillful, including in counterpoint and orchestration. His output consists of over 200 titles, mostly orchestral works as well as works for male choir and mixed choir. He also wrote choral arrangements of Swedish folk songs



His songs and especially choral works are very much alive today. For choral works belong above all his arrangements of folk songs the standing repertoire. Every Swedish girl or boy have sung "And the maiden is dancing with red gull ribbons" during Christmas celebration.

Designer Åse Öjbro, founder of Öjbro Vantfabrik, have created wearable art with mitten as her starting point. Åse worked as a painter in many years before she decided to express herself in wool. She has created these innovated patterns showing high steps dancers a pattern with clear symbols on the front of the mitten that is being framed by red gull ribbons and decorated with horse pairs closed to the wrist. The cuff was given a two-colored rib.

"I wanted to evoke movement and color integrated with Swedish folk lore and tradition in a joyful pattern for wool mittens I clearly remember me and my family dancing around the Christmas tree during my youth. All of us holding hands together, us children, our mothers, our fathers, our aunts, our uncles and our great parents. I hope to share these warm memories with you through this mitten. I'm grateful this pattern has been received so well, it is one of the first patterns I made.



**Exactly how long mittens have been knitted in Scandinavia is unclear, but there are preserved mitten fragments dating back to as early as the 13th century.*

** This pattern is inspired by the folk song maiden is dancing with red gull ribbons. And then we have colored it in traditional colors.*

**Öjbro glove factory is passionate about passing on our different knitting traditions to other people.*

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