

Crown Wedding – Bride and Groom

bridal crown (bride)

arm bands and mantel (bride)

several black, wide-brimmed hats (groom & other males)

lace canopy & 4 wooden dowels (to carry over the bridal pair's heads)

The Crown wedding (Kruununhäät) tradition is from Western Finland (Ostrobothian), where weddings could last for a few days. Traditionally the bride wore a black dress, adorned with a bridal crown, colorful mantel and armbands. The groom would also typically be in black, or a dark color. The bride and groom are accompanied by their attendants who carry a canopy above the bridal pair (the bride's sky). The procession is somewhat formal and sober, and can include a pastor in the lead, and parents, etc. following. An additional nice touch is to have music in the procession - such as fiddles or accordions - even if the instruments are merely props.



Bears (one white and one brown)

Full-body bear suit (privately owned, but available.)

The bear represents the folk saying, "The bear rolls over" on Heikinpäivä (St. Henrik's Day). He represents winter in this case. The bear can do some rolling, or ??

Moomintrolls –

3 papier mache heads

3 cotton suits/w. detached yarn tails

(Moomin-Pappa, Moomin-Mamma & Moomin-trolli)

black purse (Moomin-Mamma)

1 red coat (Pikku Myy)

rolling pin (Pikku Myy)

The Moomintrolls are storybook characters created by Tove Jansson. Her children's books about the Moomintrolls have been extremely popular in Finland for many years. There is even a Moomintroll village theme park in Naantali, Finland. The Moomintrolls are generally easy-going characters. Pikku-Myy is a "human-like" little girl, who is flippant and more intense. She is always portrayed with a little knob of hair on the top of her head and a red dress and carries a rolling pin in one story.



Miscellaneous pieces.

Pair of leather Lapland boots (women's size 6-6 1/2) curled toes - privately owned.