

Finland in 100 Years – collector coin design competition

The Collector Coin Committee of the centenary of Finland's independence, instituted by the Ministry of Finance, has been authorised to organise a design competition for the artistic design of the Finland in 100 Years collector coin. A gold collector coin with a nominal value of EUR 100 will be minted on the theme.

Finland in 100 Years

What will Finland be like in 2118? Of what elements is Finland's future built? How can one see that far, 100 years into the future?

The Finland in 100 Years collector coin represents the potential our future holds. It illustrates the future or futures Finland is headed towards. It creates a vision of the values and choices of the future. It expresses the meaning and symbolic value of coins 100 years from now. The collector coin can also showcase innovations or features that will be possible for coins in the future.

Collector coins – messengers of Finnish values

A commemorative coin is a beautiful gift, a memento that represents Finnish values and a collector's item that is a testament to its time. Commemorative coins represent Finnish values, since they are struck in honour of significant Finnish people, phenomena or events.

An official decree is published for each Finnish collector coin. The decree provides collector coins with their official status, or nominal value, which makes all collector coins legal tender in Finland.

The price of a collector coin usually exceeds its nominal value. Even though collector coins are legal tender, they are not circulation coins and are thus not intended for making payments.

Collector coins are minted at Mint of Finland

Collector coins are most often made of silver or gold. They are minted with a polished die and are of higher quality than regular circulation coins.

As the only Finnish manufacturer of metal coins, Mint of Finland mints all Finnish collector coins by order of the Ministry of Finance. Mint of Finland's EUR 10 and 20

silver collector coins and EUR 2 and 5 special coins have been granted the Key Flag label of Finnish origin by the Association for Finnish Work. See the collector coins minted in Finland on Mint of Finland's website www.suomenrahapaja.fi

Rules of the design competition

The competition will be conducted according to the rules set down in this document and, where applicable, the Artists' Association of Finland's rules for visual arts competitions. In case of contradiction, the design competition rules contained in this document shall take precedence.

1. Participants

The design competition is an open international competition and can be entered by anyone.

2. Description of the collector coin

The nominal value of the collector coin will be EUR 100 and the coin will be minted of gold. The coin's diameter will be approximately 20 mm and it will have a protective edge.

3. Entries

Model

Entries to the competition shall include carefully finished separate models of each side of the coin. The models shall be made of a durable material and be white (e.g. plaster). The technical requirements for the models are presented on page 5 and their dimensions on page 6. Entrants may also submit other materials in support of their entry (e.g. a written description of the theme presented).

The model must include the following details:

Reverse:

- Value marking "100 EURO" or "100 €"
- Text "SUOMI FINLAND"

Obverse:

- The year 2018
- The model should be approximately 200 mm in diameter, with a 12 mm circle left empty for the Mint of Finland logo.
- The initial of the artist's last name, which shall be "A" on the model

If desired, the entrant may include the planned name of the collector coin, "Suomi 100 vuoden kuluttua", in writing on the model. If used, the text must be included in both Finnish and Swedish.

In accordance with the conclusions of the Council of the European Union (Collector coins – Council conclusions 5.XI.2002), collector coins may not bear images used on circulation coins denominated in euros.

Even though the themes of collector coins are often derived from history, they are products of their own time and their designs shall be original works of art.

Drawing

For purposes of the official decree, entrants must create a black-and-white drawing (the "decree image") on a computer or with black marker (tip approx. 0.5 mm) of both sides of the coin, presented side by side on a single sheet of white A4 paper. The diameter of the drawn coin shall be 12 cm. The side containing the value marking "100 EURO" or "100 €" shall be located on the right-hand side of the sheet. The drawing shall illustrate all material elements and details, including text, with no shading, as a line drawing. A sample drawing is presented on page 6. The drawing will have no bearing on the judging of the entry.

4. Entry naming and contact details

Entries must be signed with a pseudonym and include a sealed envelope with the artist's contact details (name, address, telephone number and possible e-mail address).

5. Other rules

Previously published entries are not permitted. If the entry makes use of works or parts of works protected by copyright, the entry shall include a report on the origin of such works and proof of permission for their use. The author of an entry is responsible for any copyright payments.

The artist whose entry is chosen for the coin undertakes to finish the models in accordance with the requirements for minting coins and to hand the models and rights related to the entry over to the state.

By participating in the contest, entrants accept the rules set down in this competition programme.

6. Prizes

The following prizes will be given out in the competition:

- First prize, entry chosen for the coin: EUR 6,000
- Second prize: EUR 3,000
- Third prize: EUR 2,000

If the jury is unanimous on the matter, it can also distribute the prize money in a different manner.

As a rule, the prize money is taxable income for its recipient, and winners are responsible for the taxation of their prizes in accordance with the laws of their jurisdiction.

In accordance with the Decree on the tax-free nature of art competitions in 2017 (1461/2016) issued by the Ministry of Finance, the prizes awarded in this competition are not considered taxable income under the Income Tax Act in Finland.

7. Entry period

The deadline for submitting entries for the competition is 2 June 2017, 16:00, by which time all entries must have been delivered to the office of Mint of Finland Oy, Suokallionkuja 4, 01740 Vantaa, Finland. The entries can be sent by post or delivered to the main entrance, where they will be received on weekdays from 8:00 to 16:00.

8. Competition jury

The jury consists of the following persons:

- Collector Coin Committee:
 - Tapio Yli-Viikari, Professor, Aalto University (chair)
 - Juha Halonen, Ministerial Adviser, Ministry of Finance (vice-chair)
 - Teijamari Jyrkkiö, Curator, Ateneum Art Museum
 - Paola Suhonen, Designer, Entrepreneur, member of the Board of Directors of the project for the centenary of Finland's independence, instituted by the Government
 - Päivi Heikkinen, Head of Cash Department and Chief Cashier, Bank of Finland
 - Henna Karjalainen, Communications Director, Mint of Finland Ltd
- Representative of the Artists' Association
- Expert member

The secretary of the jury is Auli Mikkonen of Mint of Finland Ltd.

9. Publication of the results

Once the competition has been decided, the results will be announced and the winning entries will be displayed at the offices of Mint of Finland Ltd from 8:00 to 16:00. Visits shall be announced in advance to auli.mikkonen@mint.fi, and visitors are required to present proof of identification upon arrival.

10. Return of entries

Non-winning entries will be stored for 2 months from the end of the competition, after which they will be destroyed if they have not been claimed from Mint of Finland by their authors. If the entry is returned by post, the entrant will be liable for the delivery fees. The retrieval of entries in person shall be agreed with the Collector Coin Committee's secretary, Auli Mikkonen.

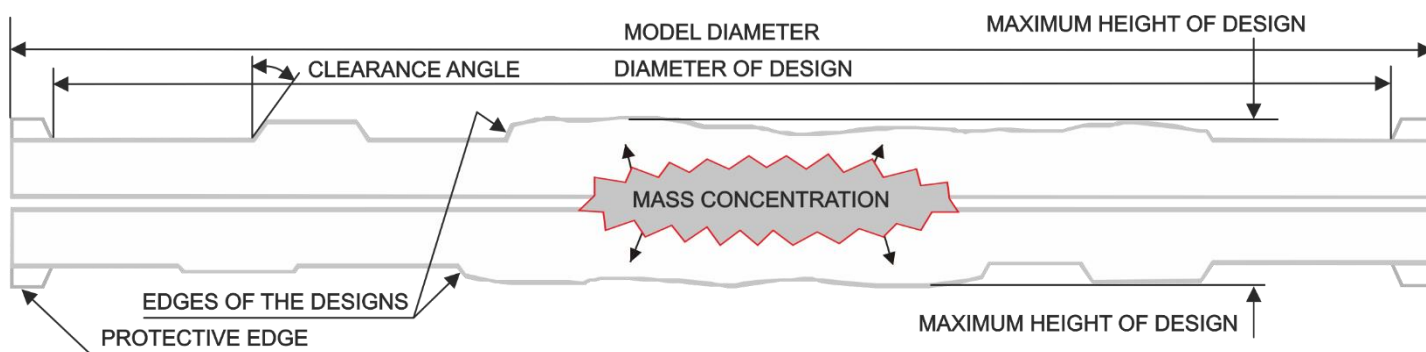
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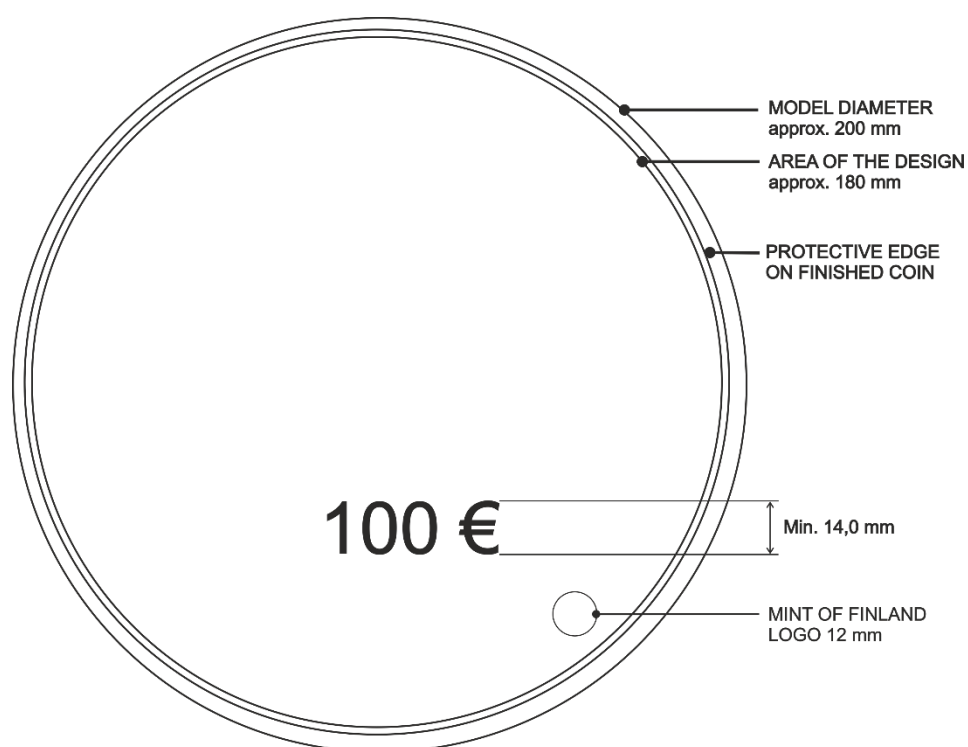
Technical requirements for collector coin models

1. The model shall be made of a durable material and must be white in colour (e.g. plaster).
2. The diameter of the model shall be approx. 200 mm.
3. The design shall be laid out on the inside of the model, with a diameter of approx. 180 mm.
4. Pen markings are not permitted on the model.
5. The maximum height of the design from the base surface of the model is 2.5 mm. However, the maximum height of thin sections (ropes, etc.) from the base surface is 0.2 times the width of the design.
6. High designs on both sides of the coin should be avoided (see “Mass concentration” in the drawing).
7. Vertical sections should have a minimum clearance angle of 25 degrees.
8. The minimum size of the numbers and letters in the value marking is 14 mm.
9. The designs shall have clear edges.
10. A protective edge can be included on the model if desired.

In the image below, the models are presented “back to back” in order to illustrate the placement of the designs on the coin.



Model dimensions



Line drawing of the model for the decree image

Sample: "Tove Jansson" collector coin, released 2014,
nominal value EUR 20

