Retro camper

US terms



Finished size
About 6¼ in (16 cm) long without the tow bar, 3 3/8 in (8.6 cm) from front to back without the wheels and 4¼ in (11 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
14 pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

You will need

Yarn A: aqua, side panel, band, window frame and the details	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, side panel, band and hub	**about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: coral, side panel, band and door	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: butter yellow, window pane and door pane	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: charcoal, wheel, tow bar and the details	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins and scissors.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together, through the front loops only (the back loops in a BLO row or round): how is under “B
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
BLO	back loop only

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Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

To check it, work a flat circle: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Before you start

- Every piece that has rounds is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up. Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together, right sides out, take the needle over the edge and through both edges, and bring it round to the same side for the next stitch.
- Where the color changes in a piece worked in rows, change it in the last stitch of the row before.
- A side panel is worked from its lower edge (the foundation chain) to the roof. The middle of a panel is the line half way across it: 15 stitches from either edge where a row has 30.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Color change: where a line begins "With C," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in C. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the camper. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops. In a BLO round, use the back loops instead.
- No plastic eyes are used: every detail is worked in yarn.
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, ovals, details) are for Standard, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 4½ in (11.5 cm) long without the tow bar, 2½ in (6.3 cm) from front to back without the wheels and 3¼ in (8.3 cm) tall; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 9 in (23 cm) long without the tow bar, 5 in (12.5 cm) from front to back without the wheels and 6¼ in (16 cm) tall; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.
- Jumbo: super bulky (6, plush or velvet) yarn, 6.5 mm (K-10½) hook, 11 sc and 12.1 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 11¼ in (28.5 cm) long without the tow bar, 6¼ in (16 cm) from front to back without the wheels and 7¾ in (19.5 cm) tall; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

Side panel: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, aqua; C, coral; B, cream.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 26 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 27.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 24 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 26 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(30 sc)**

A box for each row, 4 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **Row 9**	With C, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rows 10 to 16**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(30 sc)**

A box for each row, 10 to 16: tick them off as you go.

☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16

☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 26 sts, sc2tog	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 24 sts, sc2tog	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 22 sts, sc2tog	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 20 sts, sc2tog	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 18 sts, sc2tog	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog 2 times, sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog 2 times	**(16 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Weave in the end.	

Band

Yarns in order of use: A, aqua; C, coral; B, cream.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 14 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 15.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 23**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(14 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 23: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23

☐ **Row 24**	With C, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(14 sc)**

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☐ **Rows 25 to 76**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(14 sc)**

A box for each row, 25 to 76: tick them off as you go.

☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28 ☐ 29 ☐ 30 ☐ 31 ☐ 32 ☐ 33 ☐ 34 ☐ 35 ☐ 36 ☐ 37 ☐ 38 ☐ 39 ☐ 40 ☐ 41 ☐ 42 ☐ 43 ☐ 44 ☐ 45 ☐ 46 ☐ 47 ☐ 48 ☐ 49 ☐ 50 ☐ 51 ☐ 52 ☐ 53
☐ 54 ☐ 55 ☐ 56 ☐ 57 ☐ 58 ☐ 59 ☐ 60 ☐ 61 ☐ 62 ☐ 63 ☐ 64 ☐ 65 ☐ 66 ☐ 67 ☐ 68 ☐ 69 ☐ 70 ☐ 71 ☐ 72 ☐ 73 ☐ 74 ☐ 75 ☐ 76

☐ **Row 77**	With C, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rows 78 to 100**	With A, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(14 sc)**

A box for each row, 78 to 100: tick them off as you go.

☐ 78 ☐ 79 ☐ 80 ☐ 81 ☐ 82 ☐ 83 ☐ 84 ☐ 85 ☐ 86 ☐ 87 ☐ 88 ☐ 89 ☐ 90 ☐ 91 ☐ 92 ☐ 93 ☐ 94 ☐ 95 ☐ 96 ☐ 97 ☐ 98 ☐ 99 ☐ 100

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Window frame: make 2

Yarn A, aqua.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 11 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 12.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.	

Window pane: make 2

Yarn D, butter yellow.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 8 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(8 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

Door

Yarn C, coral.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 10 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 11.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 14: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14

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☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 36 in (91 cm) tail for sewing.	

Door pane

Yarn D, butter yellow.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 6 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(6 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing.	

Wheel: make 2

Yarn E, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 6**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 6: tick them off as you go.

☐ 5 ☐ 6

Stuff lightly now, only enough to make the wheel about ½ in (12 mm) thick, and keep adding a little until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 7**	Working in BLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside. Press it flat between your hands. The side with round 1 is the outside.	

Hub: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat with the right side up.	

Tow bar

Yarn E, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 3 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 11: tick them off as you go.

5 6 7 8 9 10 11

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge. Rounds 1 to 4 are the ball at the far end.	

Assembly

1. The two side panels look alike; choose one for the front and lay it with its right side (the side of row 1 that was toward you) up. Pieces are sewn on with their own tails, all the way round, right side up, row 1 below. Sew one window frame on the front panel over rows 10 to 17, its right edge 2 stitches left of the middle. Sew one window pane on the middle of that frame. Sew the door on over rows 1 to 16, its left edge 2 stitches right of the middle and its foundation chain along the foundation chain of the panel. Sew the door pane on the door over rows 10 to 14, the same distance from both sides.

2. Lay the other side panel, the back panel, with its right side up. Sew one window frame on it over rows 10 to 17, half way across. Sew one window pane on the middle of the frame.

3. Bend the band into a ring, right side out, and sew its last row to its foundation chain, 14 stitches to 14 chains, with its tail. This seam is the middle of the bottom.

4. Pin the edge of the band round the edge of the front panel, wrong sides together: the seam at the middle of the lower edge, and the two coral rows of the band at the two ends of the coral row of the panel (row 9). Ease the rest to fit. Whip stitch the two edges together all the way round, with A along the aqua, C along the coral and B along the cream. Sew the back panel to the other edge of the band in the same way. Before the last 4 in (10 cm) are closed, stuff firmly, into the corners first; keep the two panels nearly flat.

5. Sew the two hubs to the wheels, right side out, one to the middle of the side of a wheel that has round 1. Go all the way round the edge (12 sts) with its tail.

6. Sew the two wheels on, one to the front panel and one to the back panel, the hub out. The middle of each lies on row 5 of the panel: on the front, 2 stitches left of the middle as you look at the front panel; on the back, 2 stitches right of the middle as you look at the back panel, so that the two wheels are straight across from each other. The wheel (24 sts round) then reaches from the bottom of the camper up to the coral row and, on the front, lies just clear of the door. With new lengths of E, sew each on in a circle about 1 in (25 mm) across.

7. Tow bar: sew its open end (6 sts) to the band at the left end of the camper, as you look at the front, in the middle of its width, level with row 3 of the side panels. It points straight out to the side.

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Finishing

- Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on, unless a line gives another time; begin and end each strand inside the toy. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- Door knob: with E (charcoal), in satin stitch, a round dot about ¼ in (7 mm) across on row 7 of the door, 1 stitch from its right edge.
- Bunting: work it on the front panel before the panels are sewn to the band. First the string: with E (charcoal), in backstitch, three swags side by side. The first starts on row 21, 9 stitches left of the middle, dips to row 20 and ends on row 21, 3 stitches left of the middle; the second goes on from there, dips to row 20 and ends on row 21, 3 stitches right of the middle; the third goes on, dips to row 20 and ends on row 21, 9 stitches right of the middle. Then six small triangles, point down, in satin stitch, each about 7/16 in (11 mm) wide at the string and 3/8 in (10 mm) tall, hanging from the string, two to a swag: their middles are 7½, 4½ and 1½ stitches left of the middle and 1½, 4½ and 7½ stitches right of it. From left to right their colors are C (coral), D (butter yellow), A (aqua), C, D, A.
- Weave every tail through the toy and trim it. For a toy that will be played with, go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Check the seams and small parts from time to time.

In all: 14 pieces; 3,512 stitches.

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