

Christmas Crochet Advent Caravan by Kate Bruning  
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Who needs a new advent calendar when these Airstream caravans can hang from your Christmas tree? This is such an appropriate Christmas decoration in the southern hemisphere as the summer break happens during the festive season. The roads are choked with people tootling off to their holiday destinations towing campers, camper vans and caravans.





These caravans can also be filled to the brim with goodies. Up for it? Let's go.

### **Materials**

- 1 x DMC [Natura Just Cotton](#) Bleu Layette 05
- 1 x DMC [Natura Just Cotton](#) Noir 11
- 1 x [Twilley's Goldfingering](#) Silver 5
- 2.5mm hook
- 1 small back bead
- stuffing
- 1 button
- 1 x ice-cream container lid or similar flat plastic

### **Abbreviations**

For this tutorial, all terms are U.K.

- ch = chain
- ss = slip stitch
- dc = double crochet (single crochet in U.S. terms)
- st/sts = stitch/stitches
- yarn a = Bleu Layette
- yarn b = Silver
- yarn c = Noir



For the body

Make 2.

Refer to the photos above.

This section is worked from side to side.

Row 1. Using yarn a, ch 2 then work 3dc into the 2nd ch from the hook (top left photo). Ch1, turn. (3)

Row 2. 2dc into each of the next 3sts. Ch1, turn. (6)

Row 3. \*1dc into the first st then 2dc into the next st\*. Repeat \*\* twice. Ch1, turn. (9)

Row 4. \*1dc into each of the next 2sts then 2dc into the following st\*. Repeat\*\* twice. Ch1, turn. (12)

Row 5. \*1dc into each of the next 3sts then 2dc into the following st\*. Repeat\*\* twice. Ch1, turn. (15)

Row 6. \*1dc into each of the next 4sts then 2dc into the following st\*. Repeat\*\* twice. Ch1 but don't turn. (18)

Row 7. Work 12dc across the semi-circle's flat base. Ch1, turn (right photo). (12)

Rows 8-9. 1dc into every st until the end of the row. Ch1, turn. (12)

Row 10. 1dc into the first st, skip the next stitch. 1dc into each of the following 8sts then skip the next st. 1dc into the last st. Ch1, turn. (10)

Rows 11-12. 1dc into every st until the end of the row. Ch1, turn. (10)

Row 13. 1dc into the first st, skip the next stitch. 1dc into each of the following 6sts then skip the next st. 1dc into the last st. Ch1, but do not turn. (8)



Row 14. Work 30dc around the sides and arch (top photo). Do not include the flat base. Ch1, turn (middle left photo).

Rows 15-30 (16 rows). 1dc into every st until the end of the row. Ch1, turn.

Cut off yarn.

Row 31. Count 7sts along the previous row worked. Reattach yarn and pull through the 7th st. Ch1, 1dc back into the same st (middle right photo). Work 1dc into each of the next 4sts then skip the following st. 1dc into each of the next 5 sts, then skip the 6th st. 1dc into each of the next 4sts then skip the following st. 1dc into the next st. Ch1, turn. (15)

Row 32. \*1dc into each of the next 4sts then skip the following st\*. Repeat\*\* once more then 1dc into each of the following 3 sts. Skip the next st then 1dc into the following st. Ch1, turn. (12)

Row 33. \*1dc into each of the next 3sts then skip the following st\*. Repeat\*\* once more then 1dc into each of the following 2 sts. Skip the next st then 1dc into the following st. Ch1, turn. (9)

Row 34. \*1dc into each of the next 2sts then skip the following st\*. Repeat\*\* once more then 1dc into the next st. Skip the following st then 1dc into the following st. Ch1, turn. (6)

Row 35. \*Skip the first st, then 1dc into the following st\*. Repeat\*\* twice. Ch1, turn. (3)

Row 36. Ss into the last st.

Cut yarn.

Row 37. Return to the first st of the last row and reattach yarn. Ch1 and work 1dc back into the same st (bottom right photo). Work 11dc across the base of the semi-circle. Ch1, turn. (12)

Rows 38-39. 1dc into every st until the end of the row. Ch1, turn. (12)

Row 40. Work 1dc into the first st, skip the next stitch. 1dc into each of the following 8sts then skip the next st. 1dc into the last st. Ch1, turn. (10)

Rows 41-42. 1dc into every st until the end of the row. Ch1, turn. (10)

Row 43. Work 1dc into the first st, skip the next stitch. 1dc into each of the following 6sts then skip the next st. 1dc into the last st. (8)



Cut yarn leaving a long tail to stitch down the 2 sides.



### For the Door

The door is worked from side to side until the final round.

Row 1. Using yarn a, ch 2 then work 3dc into the 2nd ch from the hook. Ch1, turn. (3)

Row 2. Work 2dc into each of the next 3sts. Ch1, but do not turn. (6)

Row 3. Work 4dc across the semi-circle's flat base (top right photo). Ch1, turn. (4)

Rows 4-6 (3rows). 1dc into every st until the end of the row. Ch 1, turn. (4)

Row 7. 1dc into every st until the end of the row. Bind off. (4)

Round 1. Using yarn b and starting at the bottom right hand corner of the flat base, ch1 then 1dc back into the same st (top right photo). Work 1dc into each of the next 2sts then 1dc into the corner st. Ch1 then work 1dc back into the same st. Work 4dc up the side until the arch is reached. \*1dc into the next st, then 2dc into the following st\*. Repeat\*\* twice. Work 4dc down the side then 1dc into the corner. Ch1, then ss back into the first dc of the round.

Bind off.

Stitch a small black bead on for a door handle (bottom left photo).



### For the Window

Using yarn b, ch2 then work 3dc into the 2nd ch from the hook. Continuing to work into the 2nd ch, ch1, then 3dc, ch1 then 3dc, ch1 then another 3dc (top left photo). Ch1 then ss back into the first dc made (bottom left photo). Cut yarn. Pull on the tail leftover from the primary ch to tighten the central hole (top right photo). Tie the 2 tails together then snip one very short, leaving the other to stitch the window to the caravan.

### For the Wheels

Make 3.

The wheels are made in continuous, spiraling rounds.

Round 1. Using yarn b, ch2 then work 4dc into the 2nd ch from the hook. Ss back into the first dc.

(4) Cut yarn

Round 2. Change to yarn c. Ch1 then 1dc into the same st. 2dc into the next 4sts then ss back into the first dc. (9)

Bind off.

#### To Assemble

Stuff one of the bodies to give the caravan a temporary shape. Pin on the window, door and wheels then un-stuff and stitch on.



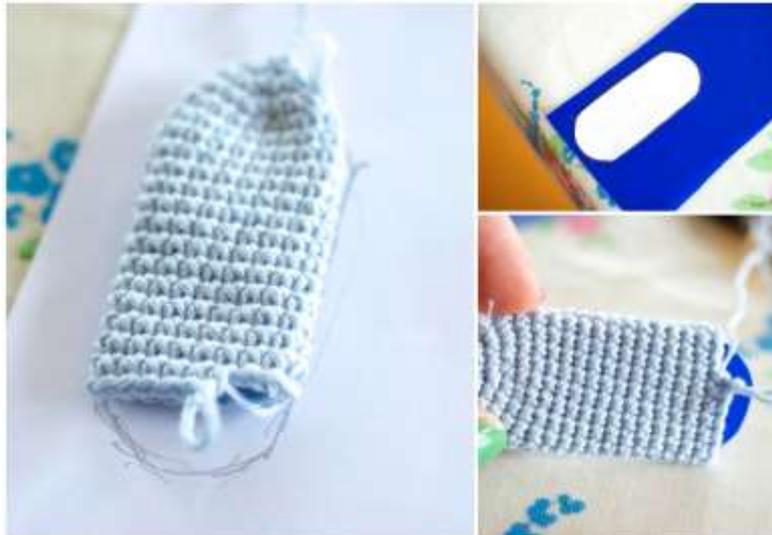
#### For the Numbers

Cut a 60cm length of yarn c and then gently separate out 3 strands to crochet with. Leaving a 22cm tail, ch15 then bind off. Pin to the caravan in the number's shape and stitch on. n.b. Some numbers such as '1' may need less than 15ch.



### To Assemble

Carefully insert the inner body into the outer body so that they line up and then pin. This stage requires a bit of jiggling and stretching (think of a pair jeans one size too small), stay strong - they will come together. Stitch around the base of the two bodies.



### For the Base

The base is worked in continuous, spiraling rounds.

Round 1. Using yarn a, ch 2 then work 6dc into the 2nd ch from the hook. Ss back into the first dc. (6)

Round 2. 2dc into every st until the end of the round. (12)

Round 3. \*1dc into the first st, then 2dc into the next st\*. Repeat \*\* until the end of the round. (18)

Rounds 4-18 (15 rounds). 1dc into every st until the end of the round. (18)

Pressing the base flat, trace around the shape made onto a piece of paper. 2 more rounds will be crocheted on the base so flip it around on your template to mirror the shape on the other end. Cut out the paper template shaving off an approximate 2-3mm so that it will fit inside the base. Place paper on plastic and cut out the plastic base. Insert the plastic base into the crochet base then complete the following two rounds.

Round 19. \*1dc into each of the next 2sts then skip the following st\*. Repeat \*\* until the end of the round. (12)

Round 20. \*1dc into the first st then skip the next st\*. Repeat \*\* until the end of the round. (6).

Bind off.



### To Assemble

Stuff the body then insert the base making sure it rests just below the lip of the body (top photo). Pin into place then sew one side of the base and the body together (bottom photo).



### For the Button Loop

Using yarn a, ch14. Bind off leaving a decent tail at either end and stitch it to the open edge of the body. With a pin, mark out the best spot for a button (left photo) and then stitch the button on.

### For the Draw Bar

Using yarn a, ch10. Bind off leaving a decent tail at either end and stitch it to the front of the caravan (bottom right photo).

Thread a 15cm loop of yarn c through both layers of the roof.

Fill with stuffing, spray liberally and leave in a warm place to dry overnight.



Fill with the most wonderful goodies and dot them about the tree to be found each day throughout Advent.



Or you could make an apartment building of caravans. Imagine the tiny ladders reaching up to the top story. Even more fun than a caravan park!



Some of the other colours used in this project are:

Twilley's Goldfingering Antique Gold 4 and DMC Natura Just Cotton in the following colours -

Geranium 52

Aguamarina 25

Golden Lemon 43