

Little Blue Crochet Car



I badly wanted a little girl, but God, in his infinite wisdom, has blessed me with three amazingly cute and quirky boys. Craft-crazy me, therefore, has set about trying to make my crochet-work more boy-friendly. This was the first pattern I ever designed for them and took me on-and-off a year to complete, test, and (finally!) write up.

I have tried to keep the instructions as simple as possible, but if any confusion arises, please feel free to contact me for an explanation.

You can also find the patterns for the [Crochet Tractor](#) and the [Crochet Digger Loader](#) at www.lookatwhatimade.net

Have fun!

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Materials

- ♥ 4mm Crochet hook
- ♥ 50g Double knit wool in a nice vibrant **colour!**
- ♥ Double knit wool in white (for the windows and wheels)
- ♥ Double knit wool in **black** (for the wheels)
- ♥ Yarn needle
- ♥ Stuffing

Tip: If you use 100% wool, your car will naturally felt. If you use acrylic yarn, you won't get any felting and the car will require less maintenance as you can just chuck it in the normal wash.

Optional:

- ♥ A tiny rectangle of jersey cotton for the number plate
- ♥ Embroidery needle for embroidering the number plate and finishing touches
- ♥ Embroidery yarn

Abbreviations

US Terminology used.

Ch	Chain
Ch-1 space	The space in the previous row created by chaining one stitch between two single crochet stitches. All single crochet stitches in this pattern, unless stated otherwise, are worked into this space.
MC	Main Colour
Sc	Single Crochet
Sc2tog	Single Crochet 2 together (sc decrease)
Sc Inc	Single Crochet Increase (2 sc's in the same st)
St	Stitch

Notes

** All instructions between asterisks need to be repeated the number of times stated. So ***sc, ch* x 2** will mean sc, ch, sc, ch.

Instructions

Sides

(Make 2)

Note: All sc's (apart from those worked into the foundation chain) will be worked into the ch-1 spaces of the previous row.

1. Ch 42 in Main Colour.
2. SC in one loop only of 4th ch from hook. *ch, sc* into one loop only of every second ch until end. Ch and turn. You should now have 20 sc clusters (excluding the turning ch).
3. Sc into first ch-1 space. *ch, sc* into each ch-1 space in previous row. Ch 2 and turn. (20 clusters)
- 4-9. Repeat row 3.
10. Repeat row 3, but when you get to the end of the row, **ch 1** and turn.
11. Skip one stitch and sl st in 1 loop only of each of the next 9 st's. Ch 2, *sc, ch* x9 (into the ch-1 spaces). Sc in the next ch-1 space. Ch 2 and turn. (This row should have 10 sc clusters)
12. Sc in the first ch-1 space. Change to white yarn.
White: *ch, sc* x 3. These 3 clusters will form the first window. Change to MC.
MC: *ch, sc* x2. Change to white.
White: *ch, sc* x 3. These 3 clusters will form the second window. Change to MC.
MC: *ch, sc, ch 2 and turn.
- 13-18. Repeat row 12.
19. *sc, ch* x 10. Bind off.

Front and Back

(Make 2)

1. Chain 22 in MC.
2. Sc into one loop only of 4th ch from hook. *ch,sc* into one loop only of every second ch until end. Ch 2 and turn. (This should leave you with 10 sc clusters.)
3. Sc into first ch-1 space. *ch, sc* into each ch-1 space in previous row. Ch 2 and turn. (10 clusters)
- 4 – 19. Repeat row 3.
- 20 – 26. Sc in the first ch-1 space. Change to white yarn.
White: *ch, sc* x 7. Change to main colour.
Colour: *ch, sc* x 2. Ch 2 and turn.
27. *sc, ch* x10. Bind off.

Roof

(Make 1)

1. Chain 22 in MC.
2. Sc into one loop only of 4th ch from hook. *ch,sc* into one loop only of every second ch until end. Ch 2 and turn. (This should leave you with 10 sc clusters.)
3. Sc into first ch-1 space. *ch, sc* into each ch-1 space in previous row. Ch 2 and turn. (10 clusters)
- 4 – 15. Repeat row 3.
16. *sc, ch* x10. Bind off.

Base

(Make 1)

1. Chain 22 in MC.
2. Sc into one loop only of 4th ch from hook. *ch,sc* into one loop only of every second ch until end. Ch 2 and turn. (This should leave you with 10 sc clusters.)

Note

When you swap colours, you can either keep the yarn you are not using to the back of your work, or you can crochet over the yarn and thus incorporate it into your stitches. If you are going to keep it to the back of your work, take care to keep it to the same side for every row, otherwise you will have loose lines of yarn running across your windows.

If you are going to crochet over the yarn, make sure that you insert your hook under the coloured yarn when you work into the ch-1 space. This will pull the colour up under the next row, mak-



3. Sc into first ch-1 space. *ch, sc* into each ch-1 space in previous row. Ch 2 and turn. (10 clusters)
- 4 – 33. Repeat row 3.
34. *sc, ch* x10. Bind off.

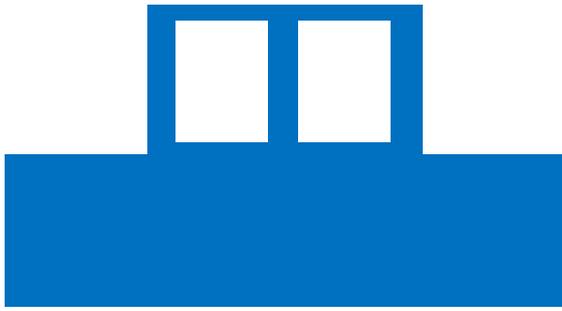
Wheels

Make 4

1. With white yarn: Into a magic ring, ch 1, sc x 6. Join to the first st with a sl st. (6)
2. With black yarn: Ch 1. Sc inc x 6. Join with a sl st. (12)
3. Ch 1. *Sc inc, sc* x 6. Join with a sl st. (18)
4. Ch 1. *Sc inc, 2 x sc* x 6. Join with a sl st. (24)
5. Ch 1. Working in the **back loops only**: sc x 24. Join with a sl st. (24)
6. Ch 1. Sc x 24. Join with a sl st. (24)
7. Ch 1. Sc x 24. Join with a sl st. (24)
8. Ch 1. Working in the **back loops only**: *sc2 tog, 2 x sc* x 6. Join with a sl st. (18)
9. Ch 1. *sc2tog, sc* x 6. Join with a sl st. (12) This is a good time to fill your wheel as the hole will be quite small after the next round .
10. Ch 1. Sc2tog x 6. Join with a sl st. Ch 1 and bind off. (6) Weave the tail of yarn in and out of the stitches of the last round and pull tight to close the hole.

Please note: The wheels have a tendency to become more ball than wheel after a couple of washes. To prevent this happening, I suggest weaving the end tail of yarn through the wheel from back to front and from front to back a few times to help it keep it's flat-tish shape.

Parts



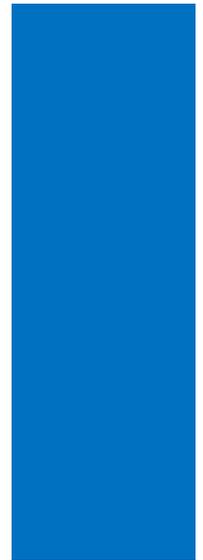
Side x 2



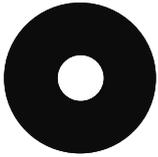
Front and
back x 2



Roof x 1



Base x 1



Wheel x 4

Assembly

Sew all the panels together using a blanket stitch and stuff the body.

I have found that the easiest way to do this is to sew the front and back panels to the side panels first, followed by the roof and finally the base (stuffing before you finish the base).

It might help you to know that you should line up rows 1-10 of the front/back panel to rows 1-10 of the side panel and rows 19-27 of the front/back panel to rows 11-19 of the side panel (the window section). Rows 11-18 of the front/back panel will form the horizontal part of the bonnet/boot and should be attached to the 5 sc clusters of round 10 of the side panel.

You can also crochet the panels together using single crochet. Just keep in mind that the rows and the stitches aren't equal (because of working into the ch-1 spaces). You will have roughly 5 rows for every 3 sc clusters, so place your stitches accordingly. If you try to sc into every row and cluster, your car will come out very wonky.

I much prefer the look of the blanket stitch finish, although I detest sewing panels together.

Attach the wheels to the base of the car according to your preference. Just make sure that you attach them thoroughly!! I usually attach them underneath the car so that they are sticking out slightly on the sides, but you could also attach them to the sides of the car if you fancy.

Embroider any optionals (number plate, wipers, door handles, lights) and finally neaten up any loose ends by working them into the body of the car.

I hope you enjoy making—and playing with—your Crochet Car. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions!

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