

## A Volkswagen van and caravan trailer (Hugo Baart)

Making something from nothing, and for little money, I think is a very nice aspect of the model train hobby. Here is another product from my workshop. During a trade fair I found a model of a VW van in a junk box for a good price. I didn't have plans for it right away, but I couldn't resist.

On Ebay everything is for sale and I came in contact with KATO and Tomytec chassis. The KATO 11-103 would fit particularly well under the van. After some minuscule work, I managed to mount the chassis under the van. Even working headlights and rear lights had to be fitted. Again at Ebay I found mini LEDs, approx. 0.7 mm in all colors for yet another pittance. I connected the lighting directly to the pick-ups and did not run it through the decoder. The van is heavily weathered and has an roof rack with some on top so that it should look like a works draisine. The model is equipped with an Uhlenbrock decoder no. 73410.

Auhagen produces a kit for a work shed that I converted into a caravan trailer. Detailing this trailer with all kinds of scrap, I got the intended result. It only needed more down force on the tow hook. I solved that by placing a toolbox on the drawbar with some lead ballast.

When the combination trundles round on my layout at an exhibition, "De Niggende Saligheyd", it always draws a smile from the public.

