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Finished Measurements: Shell diameter: 85cm/ 34inches
Length from head to tail: 125cm/ 49inches
Width from fin to fin: 122cm/ 48inches
Head length: 25cm/ 10inches
Head height: 18cm/ 7inches

Gauge: 16sc = 10cm/ 4inches

Materials: [Schoeller+Stahl Record 210](#) (100% cotton, 90m/ 50g): - 9 skeins turquoise (C1)
- 5 skeins brown (C2)
- 3 skeins darkbrown (C3)
- 2 skeins ice blue (C4)
- 3 skeins sky blue (C5)
3.5mm hook
polyester stuffing
some white for eyes
some black for eyes and embroidery, tapestry needle

Abbreviations (AE terminology):

C1	- Color 1 (turquoise)
C2	- Color 2 (brown)
C3	- Color 3 (darkbrown)
C4	- Color 4 (ice blue)
C5	- Color 5 (sky blue)
ch	- chain
dc	- double crochet
dctog	- double crochet together, decreasing stitch/es as dc
dc2tog	- double crochet two stitches together [= 2times (yo, insert hook through stitch, pull up loop, yarn through 2loops on hook), yarn through all three loops on hook]
dc3tog	- double crochet three stitches together [= 3times (yo, insert hook through stitch, pull up loop, yarn through 2loops on hook), yarn through all four loops on hook]
halfway worked dc	- yo, insert hook through stitch, pull up loop, yarn through 2loops on hook, leaving the remaining loops unworked on hook until next step
hdc	- half double crochet
rd/s	- round/s
sc	- single crochet
sctog	- single crochet together, decreasing stitch/es as sc
sc2tog	- single crochet two stitches together (decrease one single crochet, two sts to one st) = insert hook through stitch, pull up a loop, insert hook through next stitch, yarn through all three oops on hook
sc3tog	- single crochet three stitches together (decrease two single crochets, three sts to one st)
sl st/s	- slip stitch/es
st/s	- stitch/es
trc	- treble crochet
trctog	- treble crochet together, decreasing stitch/es as trc
trc2tog	- 2times (yo twice, pull up loop, yarn through 2loops on hook, yarn through next 2loops), then yarn through all loops on hook
yo	- yarnover, yarn from back up over hook down the front

As there are several possible options how to change colors and begin a new round, I didn't give any instructions for that in the pattern itself. If you crochet this rug, you should be familiar with the crochet basics, how to work all kinds of stitches, how to work them in rows and rounds and read a pattern.

The most common version of beginning a new round in a new color is to attach the new color and ch1 if the new round starts with 1sc, ch3 if the round starts with 1dc or a trctog, ch2 if the round starts with 1hdc or a halfway worked dc or a dctog, ch4 if the round starts with a trc.

I used a technique I developed on my own because I'm lazy ;-) I closed the round with the old color with 1sl st in first stitch of this round, chained two, cut the yarn, leaving a short tail, pulled it tight and pulled the yarn through several sts of this round. In the next round, you can work over this „sewn in“-end and you don't have to spend time on sewing in tails. Then I took the new color, chained one. For a sc I inserted hook through first st, pulled up a loop and pulled yarn through both stitches on hook. For a dc I made a yo, inserted hook through first st, pulled up a loop and pulled yarn through first two loops on hook, then through next two loops. Other stitches are worked in the same manner. While working the next sts, I carried the tail through those stitches, weaving in this tail seamlessly, too.

If not stated differently, everything is worked in single crochet.

If you need to stuff a piece, please remember to stuff it before you close any seams. Sometimes it's easier to stuff the piece while going instead of stuffing it completely in the end.

Please read the description for the Join-as-you-go-method for joining the octagons seamlessly before you start working the octagons or the last round for the shell!

Shell:

Always close rds with 1sl st in first stitch.

Rd 1: in C2: 12times (dc, ch1) into a magic loop

Rd 2: in C3: in every 1ch-space: (1sc, ch2)

Rd 3: in C5: in every 2ch-space: (dc3tog, ch3)

Rd 4: in C4: in every 3ch-space: (4dc) (= 48dc)

Rd 5: in C2: sl st

Rd 6: *this rd is worked in two parts, each part in one color:*

1. in C1: (dc, ch2, skip 1dc) all around

2. in C3: put stitches to the front and work in all the dc you've left free in step 1: (dc, ch2)

Rd 7: *holding both parts of Rd 6 together, work in every 2ch-space, through both colors at the same time:*

in C2: in every 2ch-space: (3dc) (= 72dc)

Rd 8: in C4: yo, insert hook through stitch, pull up a loop, pull yarn through first two loops on hook, skip 1dc, yo, insert hook through stitch, pull up a loop, pull yarn through first two loops on hook, then yarn through all three loops on hook, ch2, *yo, insert hook through same stitch as last dc, pull up a loop, pull yarn through first two loops on hook, skip 1dc, yo, insert hook through stitch, pull up a loop, pull yarn through first two loops on hook, then yarn through all three loops on hook, ch2, rep from * all around

Rd 9: in C2: in every 2ch-space: (3dc) (=108dc)

Rd 10: in C5: sl st

Rd 11: *this rd is worked in two parts, each part in one color:*

1. in C1: (dc, ch1, skip 1dc) all around

2. in C3: put stitches to the front and work in every dc you've left free: (dc, ch1)

Rd 12: *holding both parts of Rd 6 together, work in every 2ch-space, through both colors at the same time:*

in C4: in every 2ch-space: (3dc) (= 162dc)

Rd 13: in C4: dc

Rd 14: in C4: dc

Rd 15: in C1: yo, insert hook through stitch, pull up a loop, pull yarn through first two loops on hook, skip 1dc, yo, insert hook through stitch, pull up a loop, pull yarn through first two loops on hook, then yarn through all three loops on hook, ch1, *yo, insert hook through same stitch as last dc, pull up a loop, pull yarn through first two loops on hook, skip 1dc, yo, insert hook through stitch, pull up a loop, pull yarn through first two loops on hook, then yarn through all three loops on hook, ch1, rep from * all around

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Rd 16: in C3: in every 1ch-space: 3times (2dc in every 1ch-space, but in 5th / 10th / 15th / 20th / 25th / 27th 1ch-space 3dc) (= 180dc)

Rd 17: in C2: sl st

Rd 18: in C2: dc

Rd 19: in C1: yo, insert hook through stitch, pull up a loop, pull yarn through first two loops on hook, skip 1dc, yo, insert hook through stitch, pull up a loop, pull yarn through first two loops on hook, then yarn through all three loops on hook, ch1, *yo, insert hook through same stitch as last dc, pull up a loop, pull yarn through first two loops on hook, skip 1dc, yo, insert hook through stitch, pull up a loop, pull yarn through first two loops on hook, then yarn through all three loops on hook, ch1, rep from * all around

Rd 20: in C2: work in every 1ch-space: *2dc in each of next two 1ch-spaces, 3dc in next 1ch-space, rep from * all around (= 30times) (= 210dc)

Rd 21: in C2: dc

Rd 22: in C2: dc in dc: *6dc, 2dc in next dc, rep from * all around (= 30times) (= 240dc)

Rd 23: in C2: dc

Rd 24: in C1: sl st

Rd 25: in C4: dc in dc: *7dc, 2dc in next dc, rep from * all around (= 30times) (= 270dc)

Rd 26: in C5: sl st

Rd 27: in C3: dc

Rd 28: in C3: dc in dc: *8dc, 2dc in next dc, rep from * all around (= 30times) (= 300dc)

Rd 29: in C2: dc in dc, but 2dc in every 50th dc and at the same time attach octagons with Join-as-you-go-method (9dc for each octagon, an 8dc-space between two octagons) (= 306dc)

Break yarn.

Join-as-you-go-method:

1. 1dc, drop loop from hook;
2. insert hook from front to back through 1st stitch of shell you want to join;
3. take the dropped loop from octagon on hook and pull it through the stitch of shell.

Repeat steps 1-3 for all the stitches you want to join.



Octagons: (18x)

For chart see picture below written instructions.

In C4: Ch2, 8sc in 2nd ch from hook.

Rd 1: in C4: 8times (2dc in dc, ch1)

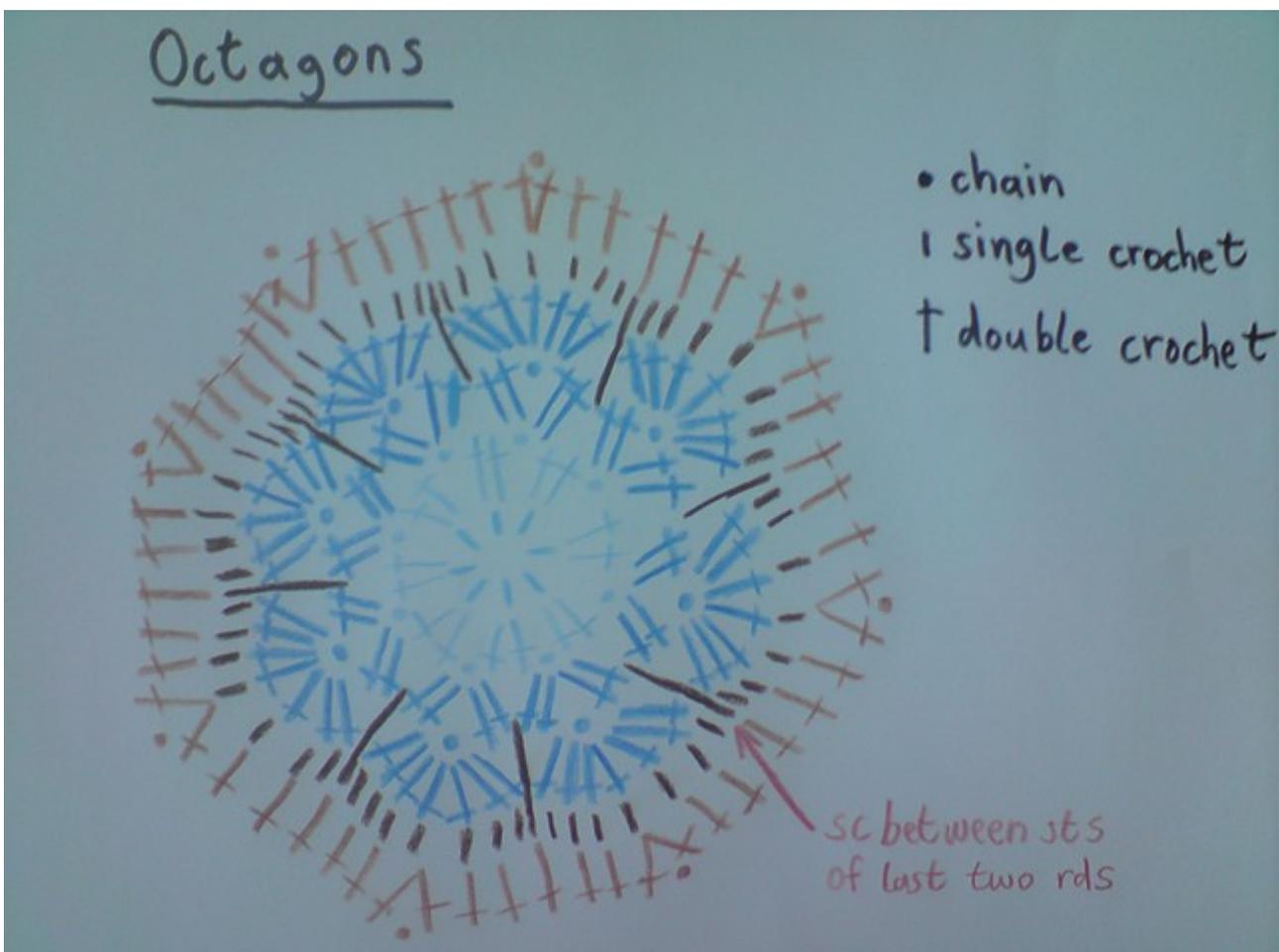
Rd 2: in C5: in every 1ch-space: (2dc, ch1, 2dc)

Rd 3: in C5: in every 1ch-space: 7dc (= 8petals)

Rd 4: in C3: sc in every dc and between every petal over sts of 3rd and 4th round (= 64sc)

Rd 5: in C2: 8times (dc in sc between petals, skip 1sc, dc in each of next 2sc, in next sc: (1dc, ch1, 1dc), dc in each of next 2sc, skip 1sc).

For joining octagons with the Join-as-you-go-method, start joining two octagons in Rd 5 with first 1ch, continue with the 7dc and end with the second 1ch.



Head: (in turquoise)

Ch12+1.

Rd 1: 3sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 10ch, 3sc in last ch, turn work, in crochetwise direction, and work in other half of ch: sc in each of the 10ch (= 1oval round à 26sc)

Rd 2: 2times (2sc in each of next 3sc, 10sc) (= 32sc)

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Rd 3: 1sc, 2sc in next sc, 2sc, 2sc in next sc, 12sc, 2sc in next sc, 2sc, 2sc in next sc, 11sc (= 36sc)

Rd 4: 2sc, 2sc in next sc, 2sc, 2sc in next sc, 14sc, 2sc in next sc, 2sc, 2sc in next sc, 12sc (= 40sc)

Rd 5: sc

Rd 6: 3sc, 2sc in next sc, 1sc, 2sc in each of next 2sc, 1sc, 2sc in next sc, 14sc, 2sc in next sc, 1sc, 2sc in each of next 2sc, 1sc, 2sc in next sc, 11sc (= 48sc)

Rd 7: 3sc, 3times (2sc in next sc, 2sc), 2sc in next sc, 14sc, 3times (2sc in next sc, 2sc), 2sc in next sc, 11sc (= 56sc)

Rd 8: sc

Rd 9: 4sc, 2times (2sc in next sc, 1sc, 2sc in next sc, 2sc), 2sc in next sc, 1sc, 2sc in next sc, 16sc, 2times (2sc in next sc, 1sc, 2sc in next sc), 2sc, 2sc in next sc, 1sc, 2sc in next sc, 11sc (= 68sc)

Rd 10: sc

Rd 11: 5sc, 2times (2sc in next sc, 2sc), 2sc in next sc, 3sc, 2times (2sc in next sc, 2sc), 2sc in next sc, 17sc, 2times (2sc in next sc, 2sc), 2sc in next sc, 3sc, 2times (2sc in next sc, 2sc), 2sc in next sc, 12sc (= 80sc)

Rd 12: sc

Rd 13: sc

Rd 14: 6sc, 5times (2sc in next sc, 3sc), 2sc in next sc, 19sc, 5times (2sc in next sc, 3sc), 2sc in next sc, 13sc (= 92sc)

Rds 15-40: sc

Rd 41: 18sc, sc2tog, 3sc, sc2tog, 4sc, sc2tog, 3sc, sc2tog, 28sc, sc2tog, 3sc, sc2tog, 4sc, sc2tog, 3sc, sc2tog, 10sc (= 84sc)

Rd 42: sc

Rd 43: 16sc, 4times (sc2tog, 2sc), sc2tog, 24sc, 4times (sc2tog, 2sc), sc2tog, 8sc (= 74sc)

Rd 44: sc

Rd 45: 15sc, 5times (sc2tog, 1sc), sc2tog, 20sc, 5times (sc2tog, 1sc), sc2tog, 5sc (= 62sc)

Rd 46: sc

Rd 47: 12sc, 2times (sc2tog, 1sc), sc2tog, 2sc, 2times (sc2tog, 1sc), sc2tog, 13sc, 2times (sc2tog, 1sc), sc2tog, 2sc, 3times (sc2tog, 1sc) (= 50sc)

Rd 48: sc

Rd 49: 17sc, 1sl st

Break yarn and leave longtail for sewing. Stuff head and sew it to the shell, while connecting shell and head, close head/ neck at the same time by sewing through upper and lower part (= 2x 25sc), thread through first and last stitch and through shell, then through second and second last stitch and through shell, etc. I doubled the yarn, used two strands of yarn held together, for attaching the head.

Eyes: (in white)

Ch2 and work 6sc in 2nd ch from hook.

Rd 1: 2sc in every sc (= 12sc)

Rd 2: 6times (1sc, 2sc in next sc) (= 18sc)

Rd 3: sc

Rd 4: 6times (2sc, 2sc in next sc) (= 24sc)

Rds 5-7: sc

Stuff and sew eyes onto head.

Pupils and lenses: (in black and lense color)

Start with black:
Ch2 and work 10sc in 2nd ch from hook.
Change to blue:
2hdc in every sc.

Break yarn and sew to eyes.

Embroider nostrils and mouth.



Tail: (in turquoise)

Ch2, 6sc in 2nd ch from hook.

Rd 1: sc

Rd 2: 2sc in 1st / 3rd / 4th / 6th sc (= 10sc)

Rd 3: sc

Rd 4: sc

Rd 5: 2sc in 1st / 5th / 6th / 10th sc (= 14sc)

Rd 6: sc

Rd 7: 2sc in 1st / 7th / 8th / 14th sc (= 18sc)

Rd 8: sc

Rd 9: 2sc in 1st / 9th / 10th / 18th sc (= 22sc)

Rd 10: sc

Rd 11: 2sc in 1st / 11th / 12th / 22nd sc (= 26sc)

Rd 12: sc

Rd 13: 2sc in 1st / 13th / 14th / 26th sc (= 30sc)

Rd 14: sc

Rd 15: sc

Rd 16: 2sc in 1st / 15th / 16th / 30th sc (= 34sc)

Rd 17: sc

Rd 18: sc

Rd 19: 2sc in 1st / 17th / 18th / 34th sc (= 38sc)

Rd 20: sc

Rd 21: sc

Rd 22: 2sc in 1st / 19th / 20th / 38th sc (= 42sc)

Rd 23: sc

Rd 24: 2sc in 1st / 21st / 22nd / 42nd sc (= 46sc)

Break yarn and leave longtail for sewing. Stuff tail and sew it to the shell, while connecting shell and tail, close tail at the same time by sewing through upper and lower part (= 2x 23sc), thread through first and last stitch and through shell, then through second and second last stitch and through shell, etc.

Front fins: (in turquoise)

The fins are worked in the round, with a shortrow section in them. The shortrows form the bend. You work them back and forth in rows, always leaving the last st/s unworked. You'll receive a triangular piece that automatically folds in the middle because the fins are worked in rounds. At the same time you work the shaping for the fin in the middle of this triangle, first increases, then decreases. This triangle's edge looks like small steps, e.g. like in a pyramid because of the unworked st/s on each end of each row. When the triangle is done, you continue working in rounds, working in sc over all those sc you've left free during the shortrows.

Leave longtail for sewing and Ch36. Join to round with 1sl st in first ch. (You start with the edge that will later be sewn to the shell, work the bend of the fin using shortrows and finish off with the tip of the fin.)

Rd 1: sc

Rd 2: 2sc in 18th / 19th sc (= 38sc)

Rd 3: sc

Rd 4: 2sc in 19th / 20th sc (= 40sc)

Rd 5: continue for shortrows: 38sc, sl st in next sc, ch1, turn;
37sc, 1sl st, ch1, turn;
35sc, 1sl st, ch1, turn;
16sc, 2sc in 17th / 18th sc, 15sc, 1sl st, ch1, turn;
33sc, 1sl st, ch1, turn;
31sc, 1sl st, ch1, turn;
29sc, 1sl st, ch1, turn;
13sc, 2sc in 14th / 15th sc, 12sc, 1sl st, ch1, turn;
27sc, 1sl st, ch1, turn;
25sc, 1sl st, ch1, turn;
23sc, 1sl st, ch1, turn;
10sc, 2sc in 11th / 12th sc, 9sc, 1sl st, ch1, turn;
21sc, 1sl st, ch1, turn;
19sc, 1sl st, ch1, turn;
17sc, 1sl st, ch1, turn;
7sc, 2sc in 8th / 9th sc, 6sc, 1sl st, ch1, turn;
15sc, 1sl st, ch1, turn;
13sc, 1sl st, ch1, turn;
11sc, 1sl st, ch1, turn;
4sc, 2sc in 5th / 6th sc, 3sc, 1sl st, ch1, turn;
9sc, 1sl st, ch1, turn;
7sc, 1sl st, ch1, turn;
5sc, 1sl st, ch1, turn;
3sc, 1sl st, ch1, turn (see picture below)

Rd 6: continue in complete rds: 2times sc2tog, then sc over every „step“, the sc you've left free during the shortrows (= 1rd à 48sc)

Rds 7-9: sc

Rd 10: 25sc, 2sc in 26th / 27th sc, 21sc (= 50sc)

Rd 11: sc

Rd 12: 2times sc2tog, 22sc, 2sc in each of next 2sc, 22sc (= 50sc)

Rd 13: sc



- Rd 14:** 25sc, 2sc in 26th / 27th sc, 23sc (= 52sc)
Rd 15: 51sc, the last sc will be the first sc in the next rd
Rd 16: 2times sc2tog, 48sc (= 50sc)
Rd 17: sc
Rd 18: 49sc, the last sc will be the first sc in the next rd
Rd 19: 2times sc2tog, 46sc (= 48sc)
Rd 20: sc
Rd 21: sc
Rd 22: 2times sc2tog, 44sc (= 46sc)
Rd 23: sc
Rd 24: sc
Rd 25: 2times sc2tog, 42sc (= 44sc)
Rd 26: sc
Rd 27: 2times sc2tog, 40sc (= 42sc)
Rd 28: 41sc, the last sc will be the first sc in the next rd
Rd 29: 2times sc2tog, 38sc (= 40sc)
Rd 30: 39sc, the last sc will be the first sc in the next rd
Rd 31: 2times sc2tog, 36sc (= 38sc)
Rd 32: sc
Rd 33: 2times sc2tog, 34sc (= 36sc)
Rd 34: 35sc, the last sc will be the first sc in the next rd
Rd 35: 2times sc2tog, 32sc (= 34sc)

Rd 36: sc

Rd 37: 2times sc2tog, 30sc (= 32sc)

Rd 38: 31sc, the last sc will be the first sc in the next rd

Rd 39: 2times sc2tog, 28sc (= 30sc)

Rd 40: sc

Rd 41: 2times sc2tog, 26sc (= 28sc)

Rd 42: 27sc, the last sc will be the first sc in the next rd

Rd 43: 2times sc2tog, 24sc (= 26sc)

Rd 44: sc

Rd 45: 2times sc2tog, 22sc (= 24sc)

Rd 46: 23sc, the last sc will be the first sc in the next rd

Rd 47: 2times sc2tog, 20sc (= 22sc)

Rd 48: sc

Rd 49: 2times sc2tog, 7sc, 2times cr2tog, 7sc (= 18sc)

Rd 50: 17sc, the last sc will be the first sc in the next rd

Rd 51: 2times sc2tog, 5sc, 2times sc2tog, 4sc, the last sc will be the first sc in the next rd (= 14sc)

Rd 52: 2times sc2tog, 3sc, 2times sc2tog, 2sc, the last sc will be the first sc in the next rd (= 10sc)

Rd 53: 2times (2times sc2tog, 1sc) (= 6sc)

Break yarn. Stuff fin and sew it to the shell, while connecting shell and fin, close fin arm at the same time by sewing through upper and lower part (= 2x 18sc), thread through first and last stitch and through shell, then through second and second last stitch and through shell, etc.

Legs: (in turquoise)

Leave longtail for sewing and Ch32. Join to round with sl st. (You start with the edge that will later be sewn to the shell, work the leg itself and then finish off with the „toes“, a flat seam.)

Rd 1: sc

Rd 2: 2sc in 1st / 16th / 17th / 32nd sc (= 36sc)

Rd 3: sc

Rd 4: sc

Rd 5: 2sc in 1st / 2nd / 19th / 20th sc (= 40sc)

Rds 6-26: sc

Rd 27: 4sc, 2times sc2tog, 16sc, 2times sc2tog, 12sc (= 36sc)

Rd 28: sc

Rd 29: 3sc, 2times sc2tog, 14sc, 2times sc2tog, 11sc (= 32sc)

Rd 30: 2sc, 2times sc2tog, 12sc, 2times sc2tog, 10sc (= 28sc)

Rd 31: 1sc, 2times sc2tog, 10sc, 2times sc2tog, 9sc (= 24sc)

Rd 32: 2times (2times sc2tog, 8sc), 1sl st (= 20sc)

Break yarn, leaving longtail and close hole (fold opening flatly and sew it together: thread through first and last stitch and through shell, then through second and second last stitch and through shell, etc, there are 2x 10sc). Stuff leg and sew it to the shell, while connecting shell and leg, close leg at the same time by sewing through upper and lower part (= 2x 16sc), thread through first and last stitch and through shell, then through second and second last stitch and through shell, etc.

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Finishing:

Work one row in sc and another row in reverse sc over the octagons' edging between head, fins, legs and tail with brown yarn.

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