Bear Rug

Finished Measurements: Head: 35cm long, 16cm high
Width: 88cm (in the middle 48cm)
Length: 73cm (with tail 84cm)
with Gauge: 7sc = 10cm

→ *This is an example of the finished measurements. If your gauge is different, don't worry, you don't need to have the same gauge. The rug will be bigger or smaller then:-)*

Materials: 1.5 balls „Hoooked Zpagetti" (120m per ball) in dark blue
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matching crochet hook, 8-10mm
some polyester stuffing and some fabric
two buttons or contrast yarn for eyes

Stripes: * *3* - **1** - *2* - **2** - *1* - **3** - *2* - **2** * etc

Body:
Ch48.
8rows sc.
Then decrease for frontleg-shaping in the following rows on each side 2x2sc, then 3x1sc and finally in every 2nd row 1x1sc (= 32sc).
24rows sc.
Now for backleg-shaping increases as following: On each side in every 2nd row 1x1sc, then in every row 3x1sc and finally 2x2sc inc (= 48sc).
8rows sc.

Paws:
Attach yarn for paws when the rug lies with the rightside up and wrongside down so that you're able to crochet towards the front, there where you'll later attach the head. Work two paw-halfs for each paw.
8sc along edge.
Work a second row in sc and Ch3+1 at the end of this row for the big toe.
2rows sc. Cut yarn and attach for hand:
Skip the 3sc for big toe and start with the 4th sc (this was the first sc of the first row too). Work one row in sc over those 8sc.
Now continue for toes. Work 3rows over 2sc for each toe, but leave one sc between two toes free. You get three toes.
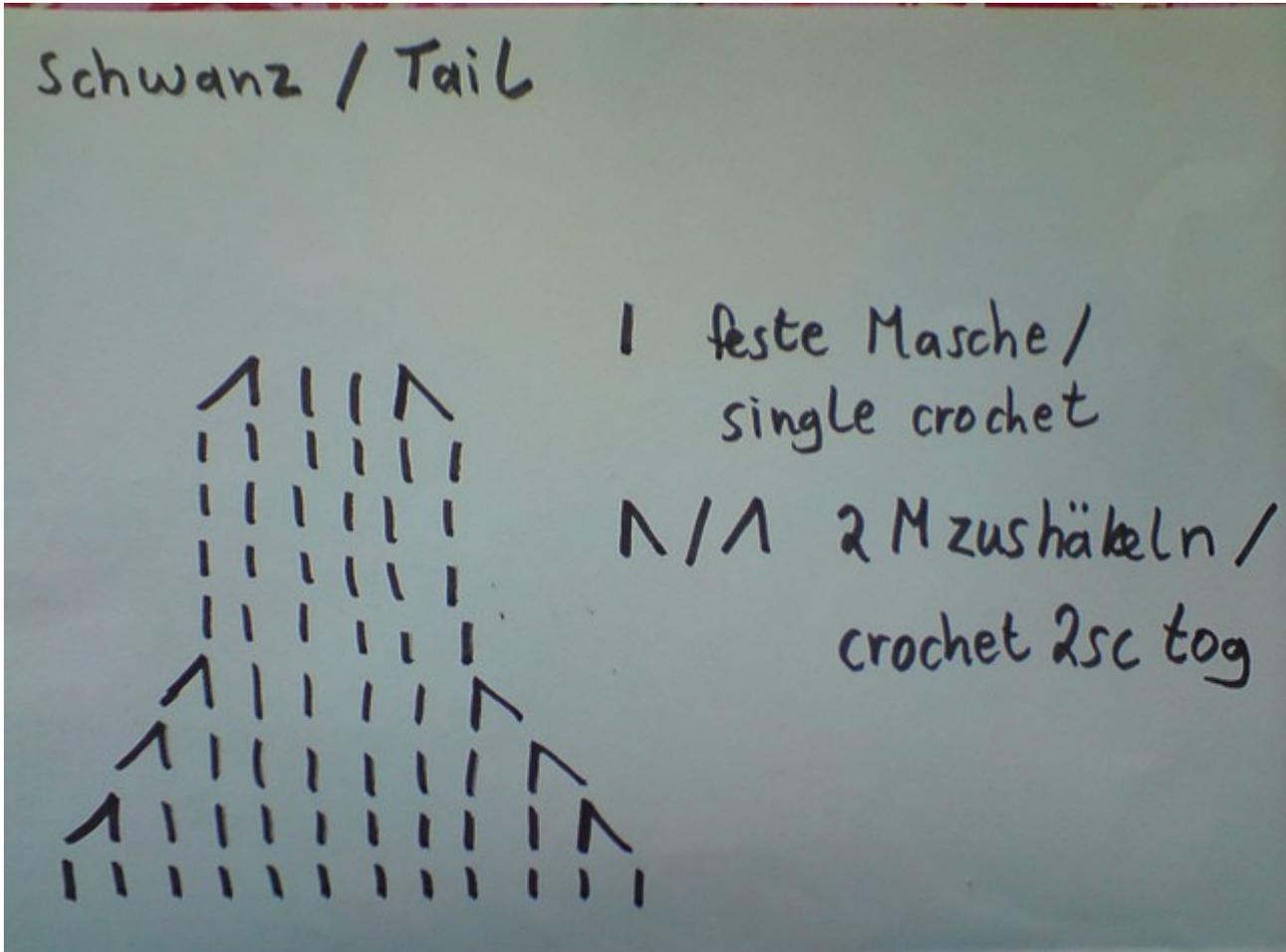
Tail:
Work over the 12 middle sc along the edge.
Decrease on each side in every row 3x1sc (= 6sc).
4rows in sc.
Decrease on each side 1sc (= 4sc).

Work a second tail-half like this.

Finishing body, paws and tail:
Crochet one round in sc along body, paws and toes. At the same time crochet pawhalfs and tailhalfs together.

Head:
While stuffing put in the fabric first and put the stuffing inside the fabric. This will prevent the stuffing from coming through the stitches.
Ch2 and work 5sc into 2nd ch from hook.
Rd 2: 2sc in every sc (= 10sc)
Rd 3: 2sc in every 2nd sc (= 15sc)
Rd 4: 2sc in every 3rd sc (= 20sc)
Rd 5: 2sc in every 4th sc (= 25sc)
Rd 6: 2sc in every 5th sc (= 30sc)

Rd 7: 2sc in every 6th sc (= 35sc)
Rd 8: 2sc in every 7th sc (= 40sc)
Rd 9: 2sc in every 20th sc (= 42sc)
Rds 10-12: sc

While decreasing as following count all the stitches of each round. Sometimes the last sc of one round will be the first on of the next round. Look at the instructions for the next round before finishing one round. It's not as complicated as it sounds and not as difficult as it looks like:-)

Rd 13: crochet together 1st and 2nd / 8th and 9th *(mark this sc because it'll later show the middle of the forehead and it helps with attaching eyes, ears and muzzle)* / 15th and 16th sc (= 39sc)
Rd 14: crtog 4th and 5th / 10th and 11th sc (= 37sc)
Rd 15: crtog 39th and 1st / 6th and 7th / 11th and 12th sc (= 34sc)
Rd 16: crtog 35th and 36th / 12th and 13th sc (= 32sc)
Rd 17: sc
Rd 18: dec every 8th sc (= 28sc)
Rd 19: dec every 7th sc (= 24sc)
Rd 20: dec every 8th sc (= 21sc)
Rd 21: dec every 7th sc (= 18sc)

Muzzle:
- Upper half, upper piece:
  Ch2+1.
  Row 1: sc (= 2sc)
  Row 2: 2sc in every sc (= 4sc)
  Row 3: 2sc in each first and last sc (= 6sc)
  Rows 4-6: sc

- Upper half, middle piece:
  Ch2+1.
  Rows 1-4: sc (= 2sc)
  Row 5: cr2tog (= 1sc)
  Rows 6-7: sc
  Row 8: 2sc in sc (= 2sc)
  Rows 9-12: sc

- Upper half, lower piece:
  Ch1+1.
  Row 1: sc (= 1sc)
  Row 2: 3sc in sc (= 3sc)
  Row 3: 2sc in each first and last sc (= 5sc)
  Rows 4-5: sc

- Lower half, upper piece:
  Ch1+1.
  Row 1: sc (= 1sc)
  Row 2: 3sc in sc (= 3sc)
  Row 3: 2sc in each first and last sc (= 5sc)
  Row 4: sc

- Lower half, lower piece:
  Ch2+1.
  Row 1: sc (= 2sc)
  Row 2: 2sc in every sc (= 4sc)
  Row 3: 2sc in each first and last sc (= 6sc)
  Rows 4-6: sc

Sew all pieces together and sew muzzle to head.

Nose:
Ch2 and work 6sc in 2nd ch from hook.
Row 2: sc (= 6sc)

Sew nose to muzzle and stuff it.

Ears:
- Innen ear:
  Ch4+1.
  Row 1: sc (= 4sc)
  Row 2: 2sc in each first and last sc (= 6sc)
  Row 3: sc

- Outer ear:
  Ch4+1.
  Row 1: sc (= 4sc)
  Row 2: 2sc in each first and last sc (= 6sc)
  Rows 3-4: sc

Alternative for ears (circular ears, work 2pieces for each ear):
Ch2 and work 6sc in 2nd ch from hook.
Row 2: 2sc in every sc (= 12sc)
Row 3: 2sc in every 2nd sc (= 18sc)

Put inner ear on top of outer ear and crochet them together by surrounding them in sc.

Embroider eyes or sew buttons and sew head to rug.