

Herringbone Sweater Duo



The Herringbone Sweater Duo combines simplicity with striking visual impact. This versatile mosaic-knit sweater is worked seamlessly from the top down and can be made as either a pullover or a cardigan. Its classic herringbone pattern takes on a captivating twist as it fans out from the center of the front and back, creating a stunning optical illusion that flatters all body types. The interplay of light and dark shades enhances the design, adding depth and movement.

This pattern features straightforward construction: no increases or decreases in the colorwork and only one color of yarn worked at a time. While the finished garment may appear intricate, the process is simple, with clear step-by-step instructions, video tutorials, and easy-to-follow mosaic charts ensure a smooth knitting experience.

Perfect for knitters seeking a project that is both meditative and bold, the Mirage Herringbone Sweater adds a touch of sophistication to any wardrobe. Choose your favorite contrasting colors to bring the mirage to life!

Finished Measurements:

The pullover and cardigan are designed to be worn with a large amount of positive ease at the bust (5 – 20"/12.5 – 50 cm).

Sizes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Chest: 34 (40, 46, 52, 58, 64)" / 85 (100, 115, 130, 145, 160) cm

Arm: 11 (13, 14, 15, 17, 18)" / 27.5 (32.5, 35, 37.5, 42.5, 45) cm

Length from under arm: 15 (15.5, 16, 16.5, 17, 17.5)" / 37.5 (39, 40, 41, 42.5, 44) cm

Yarn: DK weight

Main Color (color A): 700 (828, 960, 1100, 1230, 1360) yds / 640 (757, 878, 1006, 1125, 1245) m

Contrasting Color (color B): 360 (414, 490, 550, 620, 690) yds / 329, (379, 448, 503, 567, 631) m

Sample show in Drops Sky (74% alpaca, 18% polyamide, 8% wool) 208 yds / 190 m per 50 g

Needles: US 6/4mm needle circular needles 9" & 24- 30" / 22.5 & 60-75 cm in length. US 4/3.5 mm circular needles 9" & 16" / 22.5 & 40 cm in length and double points or magic loop for sleeve cuffs and neck of pullover.

Notions:

- Stitch markers 4-8, one to mark the beginning of round
- Waste yarn
- 5-7 buttons (optional for cardigan)

Gauge:

21 sts and 44 rows = 4" / 10 cm in color work pattern on US 6/4 mm after blocking.

Abbreviations	
BO	Bind off
CO	Cast on
DS	Double stitch
K	Knit
K2tog	Knit two stitches together
K3tog	Knit three stitches together
KDS	Knit double stitch
M	Marker
MDS	Mark double stitch (German short row technique)
P	Purl
P3tog	Purl three stitches together
PM	Place marker
SL	Slip stitch purlwise
SSK	Slip purlwise, slip purlwise, knit slipped sts together
WYIB	With yarn in back
WYIF	with yarn in front

Instructions:

The sweater begins with a provisional cast-on to create the back of the collar. The back is worked back and forth until the bottom of the armholes, with stitches cast on to shape its width. Stitches are then picked up from the back to work each front separately to match the back's length. At this point, you decide between the pullover or cardigan option:

- For the **pullover**, the fronts are joined in the center and the body is worked in the round.
- For the **cardigan**, you continue working the body back and forth across the back and fronts.

Both versions are finished with an I-cord hem, while the neckline is customized: a neat button band for the cardigan or a sleek V-neck edge for the pullover. The sleeves are picked up and worked seamlessly in the round, identical for both styles.

Collar

Right wing. Using US 6 needles and color A CO 20 sts using a provisional cast on ([this is my favorite method](#))

Row 1 (RS): K all sts, turn work.

Row 2 (WS): K all sts, turn work.

Repeat the last 2 rows 19 more times. Put all sts on holder or waste yarn. Break yarn.

Tip: Place a removable marker on the RS.

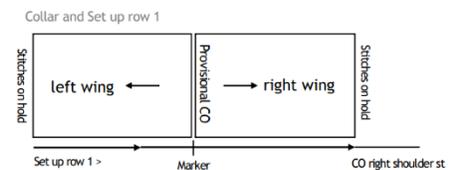
Left wing. Place 20 sts from the provisional CO onto your left needle. Re-join color A yarn and start with WS side facing.

Row 1(WS): K all sts, turn work.

Row 2 (RS): K all sts, turn work.

Repeat the last 2 rows 19 more times. Repeat Row 1 once more.

Put all sts on holder or waste yarn. Break yarn.



Back

Set up Row 1: CO 23 (31, 39, 47, 55, 63) sts for the left shoulder, with right side facing, pick up and knit 20 sts from the collar edge to the center of the collar (1 st per ridge bump), pm, pick up and knit 21 sts to end, CO 23 (31, 39, 47, 55, 63) sts for the right shoulder. You have 87 (103, 119, 135, 151, 167) back sts.

Set up Row 2 (WS): K across marker to end.

Short Row 1 (RS): K across marker and 8 more stitches, turn work; (WS): MDS, k across marker and 8 more stitches, turn work.

Remove marker in the next row:

Short Row 2 (RS): MDS, k to DS, KDS, k for 10 more sts, turn work, (WS): MDS, k to DS, KDS, k for 10 sts, turn work.

Repeat short Row 2 until no further turns.

K two more rows. You have 87 (103, 119, 135, 151, 167) back sts.



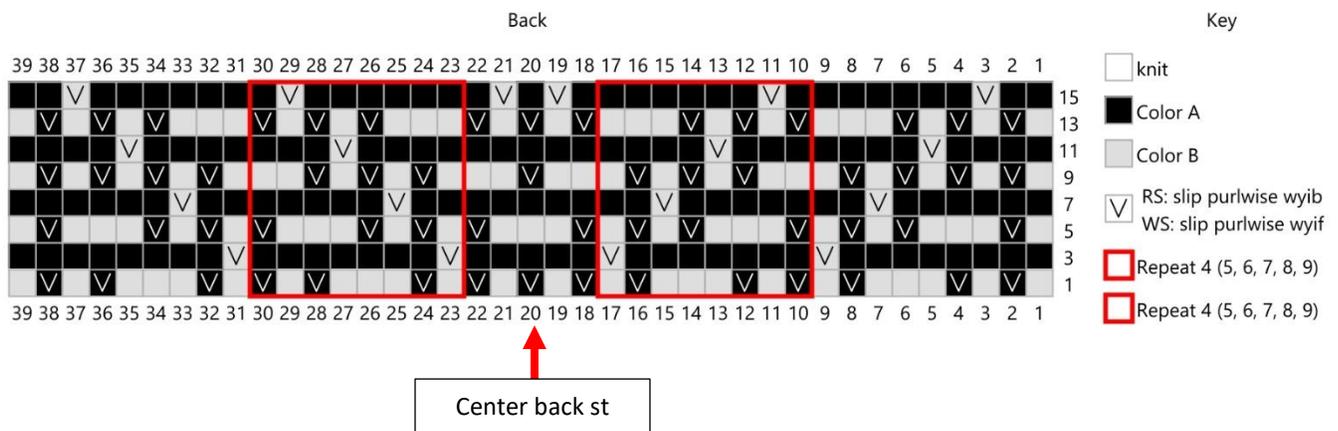
Begin Back Chart

Work the chart below until piece measures 6 (7, 7.5, 8, 9, 9.5)"/ 15 (17.5, 19, 20, 22.5, 24) cm from right shoulder edge. End after a WS row using color B and note which row you last worked. Break yarn and place sts onto st holder.

Note: The width of the sleeves is customizable, so if you want larger sleeves, knit a few extra rows and make a note to remember to also pick up a few extra sts when it comes time to work the sleeves.

The chart shows RS rows only. WS rows are worked with the same color as RS, knit the knits and slip the slips. The first st in each row is the key for which color you will be using for the RS and WS.

Note: You want to end on color B. Before you join the back and fronts together. You will want to begin the chart on a color A row because you will be casting on a st under the arm and the sleeves will be worked in color A.



Right Front

You will now pick up stitches from the CO edge.

With RS facing, join color A and pick and k 23 (31, 39, 47, 55, 63) from CO back edge. Place 20 sts that are on hold onto the left needle and k to the end. You now have 43 (51, 59, 67, 75, 83)-sts.

Short Row 1 (WS): K 8 sts, turn work; (RS): MDS, k to end.

Short Row 2 (WS): K to DS, KDS, k10 more sts, turn work; (RS): MDS, k to end.

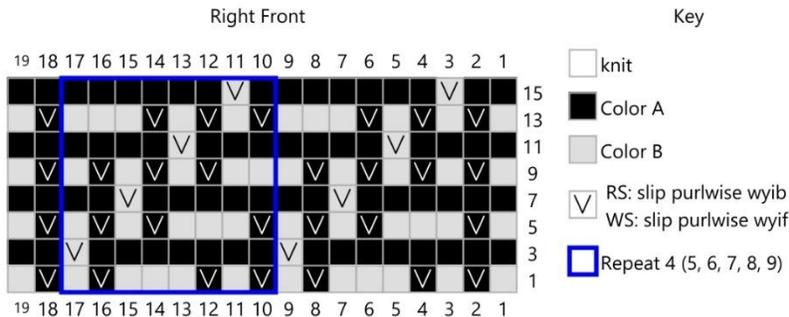
Repeat Short Row 2 to the end of the row until no further turn is possible.

Next Row (WS): K to DS, KDS, k to end.

K two more rows. You now have 43 (51, 59, 67, 75, 83)-sts

Begin Right Front Chart

Work the Right Front chart, make sure to end with same row as you did on the Back. Put stitches on hold, cut yarn. Continue to Left Front.



Left Front

Join color A, place the 20 collar sts back onto the left needle and k, pick up and k 23 (31, 39, 47, 55, 63) sts from the CO edge. You now have 43 (51, 59, 67, 75, 83)-sts.

Next Row (WS): K across to end.

Short Row 1 (RS): K8 sts, turn work; (WS): MDS, k to end.

Short Row 2 (RS): K to DS, KDS, k 10 more sts, turn work; (WS): MDS, k to end.

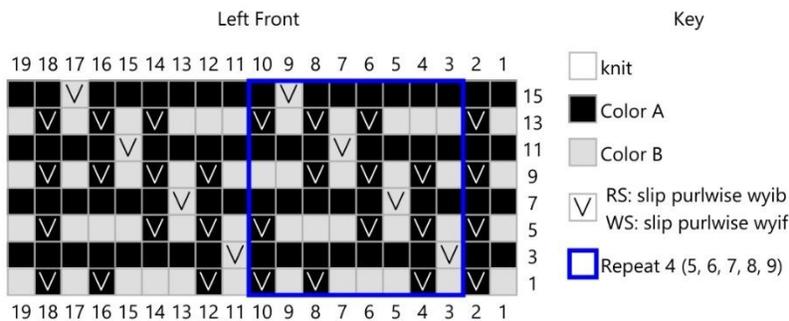
Repeat Short Row 2 to the end of the row until no further turn is possible.

Next Row (RS): K to DS, KDS, k to end.

K one more row.

Begin Left Front Chart

End with same row as Back and Right. Do not cut yarn. You will now be joining left, back and front. Move to Pullover or Cardigan next.



Joining Fronts and Back

Pullover

Cut yarn and place left front stitches on hold.

Put the back sts onto your left needle, begin on the next row after the last row you worked when creating the back and right and left fronts. This next row should be a color A row. For example, if the last row you worked in previous sections was Row 5, you will begin the chart below on Row 7.

Note: You want to begin the chart on a color A row because you will be casting on a st under the arm and the sleeves will be worked in color A.

Work in pattern to the end of the back, CO 1 st (becomes the side seam), work in pattern across the right front, CO 1 st (becomes the center st), work in pattern across the left front, CO 1 st (becomes the side seam), pm, and join in the round. Adding the final st count will help the knitter know they're on track. 176 (208, 240, 272, 304, 336).

Note: You will be working in the round for the rest of the body. This means you will be working on the right side only and the chart shows two rows for each color, the first row is the same as before, the second row is a purl row to keep in the garter st pattern already established.

Continue in pattern until piece measures 14 (14.5, 15, 15.5, 16, 16.5)" / 35 (36, 37.5, 39, 40, 41) cm from the underarm or 1" / 2.5 cm from your desired length, ending with a WS round.

End of chart work. Cut color B. You will be using color A only to finish off the body.

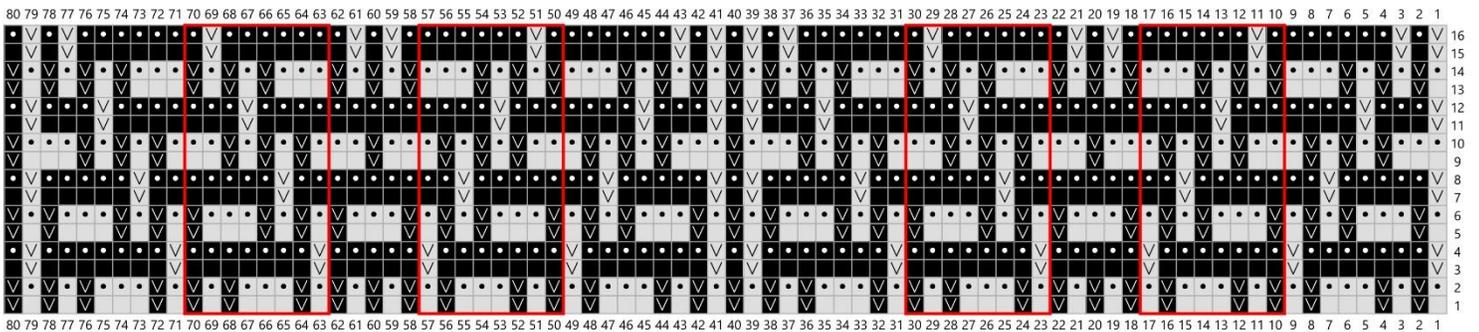
K 2 rounds, then move to I-Cord Bind Off.



Key

- knit
- purl
- Color A
- Color B
- slip purlwise wyib
- Repeat 4 (5, 6, 7, 8, 9)

Pullover -- Front and Back



Cardigan

With RS facing, begin on the next row after the last row you worked when creating the back and right and left fronts. This next row should be a color A row. For example, if your last row you worked in previous sections was Row 5, you will begin the chart below on Row 7.

Note: You want to begin the chart on a color A row because you will be casting on a st under the arm and the sleeves will be worked in color A.

Work in pattern to the end of the left front, CO 1 st (becomes a side seam) work in pattern across back, CO 1 st (side seam) and work across right front in pattern.

Total stitches 175 (207, 239, 271, 303, 335).

Continue in pattern until piece measures 13 (13, 13.5, 14, 14.5, 15)" / 32.5 (32.5, 34, 35, 36, 37.5) cm from the underarm or 1" / 2.5 cm from your desired length, ending with a WS row.

End of chart work. Cut color B. You will be using color A only to finish off the body.

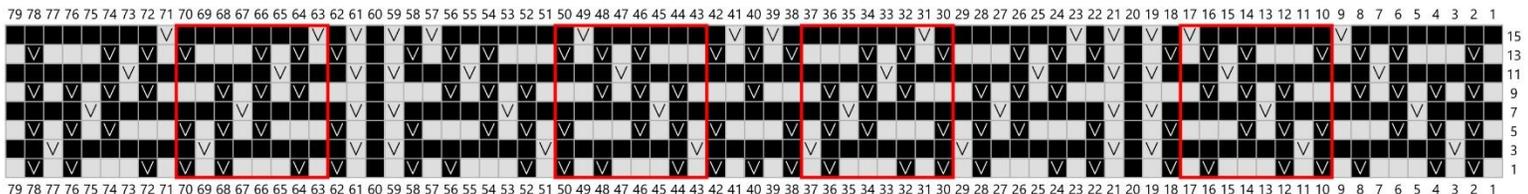
K 2 rows, then move to I-Cord Bind Off.



Key

- Knit
- Color A
- Color B
- RS: slip purlwise wyib
WS: slip purlwise wyif
- Repeat 4 (5, 6, 7, 8, 9)

Cardigan -- Right Front, Back, Left Front



Side st

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I-Cord Bind Off

Using color A, cast on 3 sts, *K2, k2tog tbl, slip the 3 sts on your right needle back to your left needle* Repeat between *s to the last 3 sts. K1, slip the last 2 sts over k st, cut yarn and pull through loop. Weave in the end.

[tutorial: i-cord bind on - YouTube](#)

Sleeves

Sleeves are worked in the round in stockinette stitch. Decreasing as you go until you reach your set number of stitches and length. I recommend assessing as you go so you can work more or less decreases and make the sleeves to your desired length.

With RS facing, re-join yarn using 9" / 22.5 cm, US 6 needles and beginning at the center of underarm, pm, pick up and k 60 (70, 75, 80, 90, 95) sts around armhole. Join to work in the round.

Note: If you increased the length before joining the fronts and backs to create wider sleeves, you will need to pick up additional sts.

Work in stockinette stitch for 2" / 5 cm, then begin decreasing.

Decrease Round: K2tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1.

Work in stockinette stitch and repeat Decrease Round every 5th (4th, 3rd, 3rd, 2nd, 2nd) round 11 (14, 16, 17, 22, 24) more times. You now have 36 (40, 41, 44, 44, 45) sts. If you want tighter sleeves continue to decrease as desired. If you want wider sleeves, stop decreasing sooner and continue below.

Continue working in stockinette stitch until you have reached desired sleeve length minus 2" / 5cm.

Switch to smaller 9" / 22.5 cm needles and work in 1x1 ribbing (k1, p1) for 2" / 5cm. BO using a tubular bind off method.

Repeat for the other sleeve.

Pullover Neck Edge

Using the smaller needles, start in the center of the back with the RS facing, pick up and knit 1 st per each garter ridge, pm when you reach the center of the front and continue until you reach the back center, pm and join in the round.

Next round: P to 1 st before m, p3tog, p to m.

Next round: K to 1 st before m, k3tog, k to m.

Next round: P to 1 st before m, p3tog, p to m.

Work I-Cord Bind off on page 8.

Cadigan Neck Edge

RS: Using the small needles, start at the right front edge, pick and knit 1 st per each garter ridge until you reach the left bottom edge.

WS: K all sts.

Button Band (optional)

Note: This is an optional step. If you don't want to add buttons, skip to I-Cord Bind Off.

Without knitting the sts, place 5-7 removable markers, evenly spaced over the first 9-11" / 22.5-27.5 cm along the right side edge to mark your buttonhole placement.

You will be making 1 row buttonholes. [One Row Buttonhole Tutorial](#)

Row 1 (RS): K to *buttonhole m, sl1wyif, (sl1wyib, then pass 1st st over 2nd st) 3 times, (3 sts bound off), sl last st from right needle back to left needle, turn work to WS, CO 4, turn work, sl1wyib, pass last CO st over the sl st (3 st buttonhole)*. Repeat from * until you have worked all the buttonholes, k to end.

Row 2 (WS): K all sts.

Knit 2 more rows.

Work I-Cord Bind off on page 8.

Cut yarn, weave in ends and block.