

Organic Herringbone Wrap (one size fits most)

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All seam allowances are 1/4" unless otherwise noted.

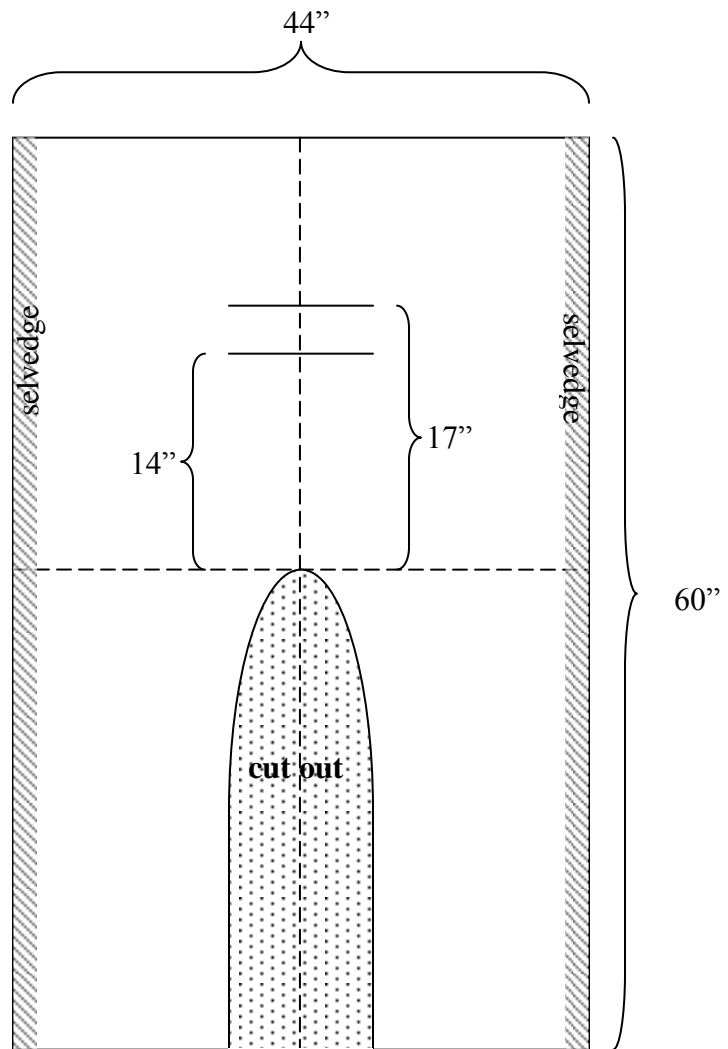


Materials needed:

- Michael Miller Organic Herringbone Fabric. This comes 44"/45" wide. Purchase 2 yards to allow for shrinkage. You'll need a piece that is approx. 60"(length) x 44"(wide).
- 3/8" clear elastic (available at most sewing stores)
- Straight pins
- Fabric marker



Fold the fabric in half lengthwise and widthwise to find the midpoint. Mark the midpoint with a fabric pen, and center the pattern piece (on last page) as shown. Pin in place and cut out.



(Diagram not to scale.)

Finish the edges in the following order:

- 1) the bottom of the back
- 2) the bottom of the front
- 3) around the neck
- 4) the selvedge edges

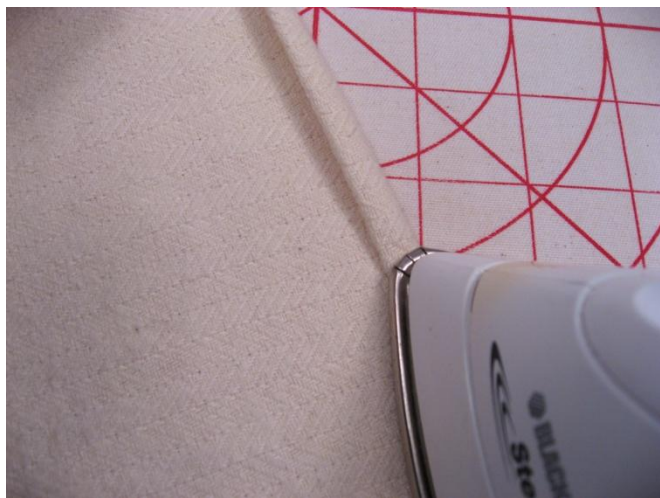
Instead of the conventional way of measuring, marking, folding, ironing and hoping it looks even, this is an easier method: Sew along each edge using a 1/4" seam allowance.



This seam will be your guide for folding over the fabric. Fold the fabric directly on the seam toward the wrong side of the fabric and iron in place. Use steam to make sure it behaves.



Fold the fabric over once again $\frac{1}{4}$ " and iron. Pin in place.



Sew the hem in place, stitching close to the inner edge. Use the edge of your presser foot as a guide to keep your stitching even.



Reinforce the stitching at the beginning and end of each hem.

The corners will look like this:

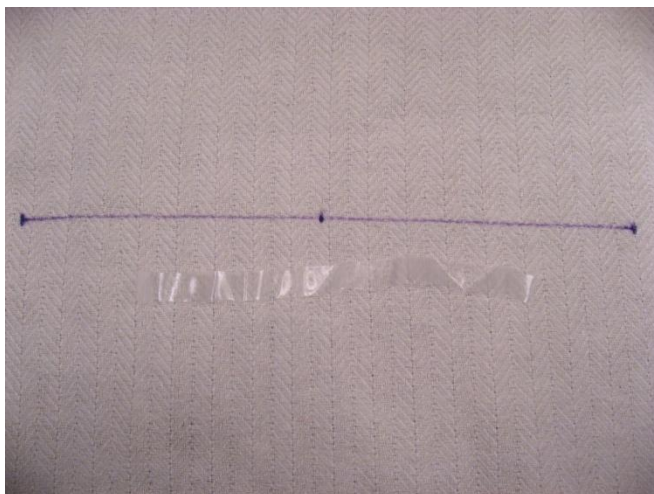


Make Shirring:

From the center of the neck, measure 14" down the back of the wrap on the midline (**on the wrong side**) and make a mark. Measure 4" out in either direction and mark these points as well. Connect the points to make an 8" line.

Make another 8" line in the same way, but 3" farther down the back (refer to diagram).

Before cutting the clear elastic, stretch it a few times. Cut a strip that is 6" long.



Pinning can be tricky, so instead use the machine to tack the elastic in place. Tack both ends and the center, as shown. (I've used contrasting thread to make the steps more visible.)



Start at one end and sew on the center of the elastic, following the line you made. Pull the elastic to lie flat as you sew. You may need to grasp the fabric behind the needle and pull it away from you as you are pulling the fabric in front of the needle toward you. Backstitch on both ends.



When you are done, it should look like this:

Do the same to the other line.

The advantage in using clear elastic instead of white, is that it is barely visible from the inside and requires no casing. If you wish, trim away excess elastic from either side of the stitching.



Line up the top of the pattern piece with the midpoint of the fabric. Pin in place, use a straight edge to mark lines that continue to the bottom of the fabric, and cut out. Refer to diagram on page 2.

