T = -2 min

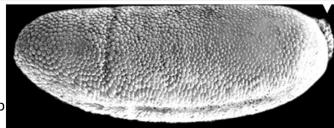
The final round of main cell mitosis

T = 0 min

Three independent invaginations start:

- 1. Two slanted furrows (symmetrically on the "port" and "starboard" side) form vertically. This will form the cephalic furrow, separating the head the body.
- 2. On the bottom (Ventral) side, a rectangle of cell begins forming the **ventral furrow**
- A 10-cell radius ring on the back (posterior) tip starts forming the posterior midgut (PMG)

Anterior Posterior Posterior midgut (PMG) Cephalic furrow Ventral furrow

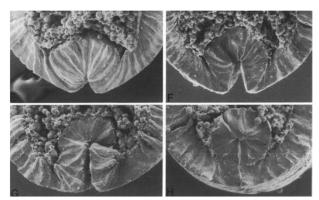


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T = 2 min - 3 min

- The ventral furrow closes off completely in the middle, creating a characteristic lightbulb shape.
- 2. The germ-band starts extending



T = 8 min

The **germ-band** has moved the still-closing end of the **ventral furrow** the towards the back (posterior), wrapping around towards the top (dorsal side)

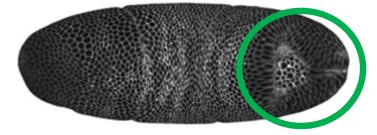
T = 10-12 min

The **ventral furrow** merge with the invaginating **posterior midgut (PMG)**.

Cephalic Furrow Anterior Fold Fold Invagination Germ-band Anterior Midgut Invagination Stage 7

T = 15 min

The **germ-band** stops elongating, with the basis for the most vital morphology finished, the cell differentiation begins



A2

A3