

# Classic Elite Yarns

## Miracle Drop Stitch Cardigan



**Designed by:** Sue McCain and Kathy Lacher

**SIZES:** Small (Medium, Large, Extra Large)  
**Finished Measurements:** 35¼ (39¾, 45¾, 47¼)"

### MATERIALS:

**Miracle** by **Classic Elite** (50% alpaca, 50% tencel; 50 gram hank = approx 108 yards)

• 11 (12, 13, 14) hanks 3385 Cuban Sunset

### Needles

• One pair each size US 5 and 6 (3.75 and 4 mm)

### Or size to obtain gauge

• Crochet hook size US E/5 (3.75 mm)  
 • One 1" button

**GAUGE:** 24 sts and 26 rows = 4" in Vertical Drop Stitch patt, using larger needles. **Take time to save time, check your gauge.**

### SPECIAL TERMS:

**yo:** Yarn over (1 st increased).

**k1-f/b:** Knit into the front loop, then the back loop of next st (1 st increased).

**s2kp:** Slip 2 sts knitwise to the right-hand needle, k1, pass 2 slipped sts over knit st (2 sts decreased).

**p3tog:** Purl 3 sts together (2 sts decreased).

### PATTERN STITCHES:

**Single Cast-On Method:** Make a slipknot on the right-hand needle, leaving a short tail. \*Wrap the yarn around your left thumb, with the ball end in front of your thumb, across your palm; secure the strand under your other fingers. Insert the needle upwards under the strand on your thumb, slip the loop off your thumb and tighten the loop. Rep from \* until the required sts are CO. **Note:** This CO is meant to be loose; you will be working the Fluted Edging into the CO loops after the pieces are completed.

### Vertical Drop Stitch (multiple of 9 sts + 8)

**NOTE:** The Setup Row has an 8 st rep; all rows thereafter have a 9 st rep. You may take an accurate st count on Rows 1–5; Rows 6–12 will have one extra st.

Setup Row (RS): K1, \*p2, k2, p2, k1, yo, k1; rep from \* to last 7 sts, p2, k2, p2, k1.

Rows 1, 3 and 5: P1, \*k2, p2, k2, p3; rep from \* to last 7 sts, k2, p2, k2, p1.

Rows 2 and 4: K1, \*p2, k2, p2, k3; rep from \* to last 7 sts, p2, k2, p2, k1.

Row 6: K1, \*p2, k1, yo, k1, p2, k1, drop next st off needle and unravel down to the yo 6 rows below, k1; rep from \* to last 7 sts, p2, k1, yo, k1, p2, k1

Rows 7, 9 and 11: P1, \*k2, p3, k2, p2; rep from \* to last 8 sts, k2, p3, k2, p1.

Rows 8 and 10: K1, \*p2, k3, p2, k2; rep from \* to last 8 sts, p2, k3, p2, k1.

Row 12: K1, \*p2, k1, drop next st off needle and unravel down to the yo 6 rows below, k1, p2, k1, yo, k1; rep from \* to last 8 sts, p2, k1, drop next st off needle and unravel down to the yo 6 rows below, k1, p2, k1.

Rep Rows 1–12 for Vertical Drop Stitch patt.

### Fluted Edging (Multiples change from row to row)

Setup Row: (RS) \*Pick up and knit 7 sts, [pick up and knit 1 st, yo, pick up and knit 1 st] in one loop [this is the large loop made by the dropped st]; rep from \* to last 7 loops, pick up and knit 7 sts.

Row 1: (WS) \*K2, s2kp, k2, [k1-f/b] 3 times; rep from \* to last 7 sts, k2, s2kp, k2.

Row 2: (RS) P1, \*p3tog, p8; rep from \* to last 4 sts, p3tog, p1.

Row 3: K3, \*[k1-f/b] 6 times, s2kp; rep from \* to last 9 sts, [k1-f/b] 6 times, k3.

Row 4: BO all sts purlwise.

Work Rows 1–4 for Fluted Edging.

**Reverse Stockinette Stitch (Rev St st):** Purl on RS, knit on WS.

**Chain (ch):** Begin by making a slip knot on your crochet hook. Wrap the yarn around the hook (yarn over) and draw it through the loop on the hook to form the first chain. Rep this step as many times as instructed. (The loop on the hook is never included when counting the number of chains).

**Slip Stitch (slip st):** Insert crochet hook in the indicated stitch, yarn over and draw through both the stitch and the loop on the hook.

### BACK

Using larger needles and Single Cast-On method, CO 96 (104, 120, 128) sts. Work in Vertical Drop Stitch patt until piece meas 12" from beg, end WS row—107 (116, 134, 143) sts after Setup Row. **Shape Armholes:** (RS) BO 5 (6, 11, 10) sts at beg of next 2 rows, then 2 sts at beg of next 6 (6, 10, 10) rows—85 (92, 92, 103) sts rem. Work even until armhole meas 7½ (8, 8½, 9)" from beg of shaping, end WS row. Mark center 37 (38, 40, 41) sts.

**Shape Shoulders and Neck:** (RS) BO 6 (7, 8, 9) sts at beg of next 2 rows, 7 (8, 7, 9) sts at beg of next 4 rows; **and at the same time**, on first row of shoulder shaping, work across to center marked sts; join second ball of yarn, BO center sts, work to end. Working both sides at the same time, at each neck edge BO 2 sts twice. **Lower Edge Trim:** With RS facing, using larger needles, pick up and knit 117 (127, 147, 157) sts along CO edge of garment. Work 4 rows of Fluted Edging.



### ABBREVIATIONS

**approx**—approximately

**beg**—begin(ning)

**BO**—bind off

**ch**—chain

**CO**—cast on

**dec**—decrease

**EOR**—every other row

**inc**—increase

**k**—knit

**k1-f/b**—See Special Terms

**meas**—measures

**p**—purl

**patt**—pattern

**rem**—remain(ning)

**rep**—repeat

**Rev St st**—Reverse Stockinette Stitch

**RS**—right side

**s2kp**—See Special Terms

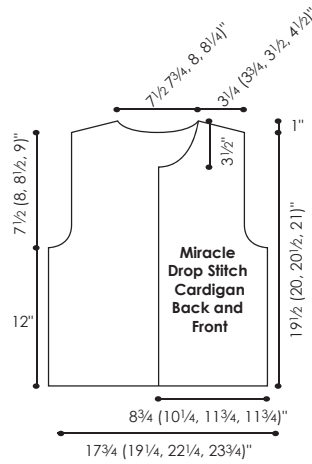
**st(s)**—stitch(es)

**WS**—wrong side

**yo**—yarn over

## LEFT FRONT

Using larger needles and Single Cast-On method, CO 48 (56, 64, 64) sts. Work in Vertical Drop Stitch patt until piece meas 12" from beg, end WS row—53 (62, 71, 71) sts after Setup Row. Work even until piece meas same as Back to armhole, end WS row; **Shape Armhole:** (RS) As for Back at beg of RS rows only—42 (50, 50, 51) sts rem. Work even until armhole meas 5 (5½, 6, 6½)" from beg of shaping, end RS row. **Shape Neck:** (WS) At neck edge, BO 6 sts once, 3 sts 0 (1, 2, 0) times, then 2 sts 8 (9, 8, 9) times, **and at the same time**, when armhole meas same as Back to shoulder shaping. **Shape Shoulder:** As for Back at beg of RS rows only. **Lower Edge Trim:** With RS facing, using larger needles, pick up and knit 57 (67, 77, 77) sts along CO edge of garment; work trim as for Back trim.



## RIGHT FRONT

Work as for Left Front, reverse all shaping by working armhole and shoulder shaping at beg of WS rows only, and neck shaping at beg of RS rows only.

## SLEEVES

Using larger needles and Single Cast-On method, CO 48 sts. Work in Vertical Drop Stitch patt until piece meas 1" from beg, end WS row—53 sts after Setup Row. **Shape Sleeve:** (RS) Inc 1 st at each side every 4 rows 0 (4, 10, 11) times, every 6 rows 12 (15, 11, 11) times, then every 8 rows 4 (0, 0, 0) times, working inc sts in Vertical Drop st as they become available—85 (91, 95, 97) sts. Work even until piece meas 18½ (19, 19, 19½)" from beg, end WS row. **Shape Cap:** (RS) BO 5 (6, 11, 10) sts at beg of next 2 rows, 2 sts at beg of next 8 (8, 0, 2) rows, then at each side dec 1 st EOR 8 (10, 15, 15) times—43 sts. BO 3 sts at beg of next 4 rows—31 sts rem. BO rem sts. **Sleeve Trim:** With RS facing, using larger needles, pick up and knit 57 sts along CO edge of Sleeve; work trim as for Back trim.



## FINISHING

Block pieces to measurements. Sew shoulder seams. Set in Sleeves; sew Sleeve and side seams. **Front Edgings:** With RS facing, using smaller needles, pick up and knit 112 (115, 119, 122) sts evenly along Front edge. Work 2 rows in Rev St st; BO all sts. **Neckband:** With RS facing, using smaller needles, pick up and knit 103 (105, 106, 108) sts evenly around neck edge. Work 2 rows in Rev St st; BO all sts. **Button Loop:** With RS facing, using crochet hook; attach yarn to Right Front ½" below beg of neck shaping, ch 10, slip st to base of chain. Fasten off. Sew button opposite loop.

Sample knit by Melanie Smith.