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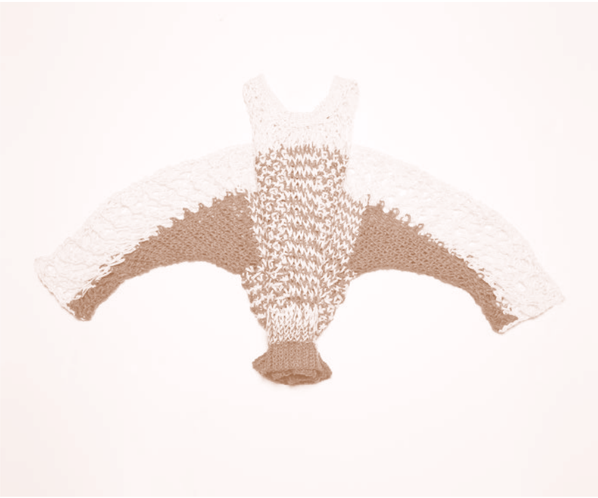
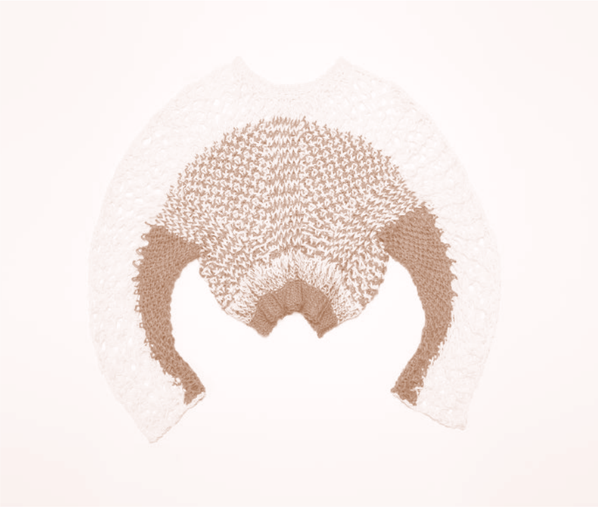
In a world where mass-production is the norm, how do you give 'soul' to an object? Taking the time to craft something by hand, working meticulously, intuitively, tenderly, is perhaps a response to the modern grind. How busy we are today! We diligently pursue what we have been told to want: more of everything. In contemporary culture's seemingly unparalleled and all-enveloping busyness, breaking the paradigm is hard to do. And yet, those who do are growing in numbers.

Alice Lemoine is one of those norm-breakers. An auto-didact knitter, she lets her instinct guide her. Taking a leaf out of the Surrealists' handbook, she adroitly practices 'automatic knitting' – playfully tapping into her own creative subconscious to let shapes and patterns grow forth of their own accord. And so her garments become protective layers, against the elements and the tiny disjunctures of daily life.

This pattern is a gift from Alice to you. Knit it, add your own idiosyncrasies and allow your mind to wander.





Materials
Linen thread, cotton thread
Needles 5 mm, 9 mm, 10 mm and 12 mm

Stitches used
Single rib, Stocking stitch half twist, Woven stitch, Linen stitch, Basic lace stitch

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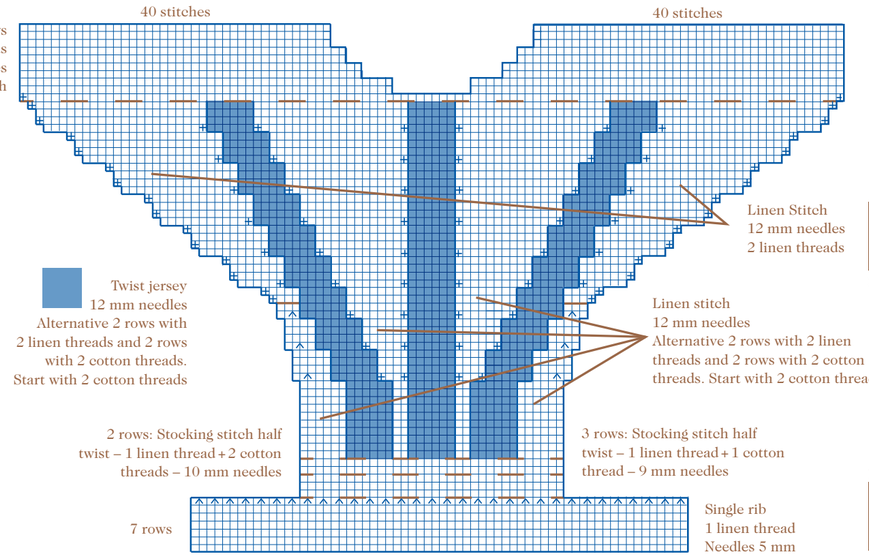
^ Knit 2 stitches together
\+ Add 1 stitch

Keep the loop on stitch holder (don't stop the stitches, you will use them for the shuttle seam)



FRONT

x 1 piece. Needles 5, 9, 10 and 12 mm.
The cast on row and the finishing row are not included in the pattern.

- Cast on 66 stitches on 5 mm needles with 1 linen thread (knitted beginning) and knit 6 rows of single rib.
- On row n°7, decrease in order to have 34 stitches. For decreasing, knit 2 stitches together at each '^' sign.
- With the 9 mm needles, knit 3 rows of stocking stitch half twist with 1 linen thread + 1 cotton thread.
- With the 10 mm needles, knit 2 rows of stocking stitch half twist with 1 linen thread + 2 cotton threads.
- Then with the 12 mm needles for 10 rows, knit 6 stitches of linen stitch, 6 stitches of woven stitch, 2 stitches of linen stitch, 6 stitches of woven stitch, 2 stitches of linen stitch, 6 stitches of woven stitch and 6 stitches of linen stitch.
- With the linen stitch, knit 1 stitch, then 2 stitches together and another 2 stitches, all linen stitch. Knit 6 stitches of woven stitch, add 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches of linen stitch and add another stitch. Knit 6 stitches of woven stitch, add 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches of linen stitch and add another stitch. Knit 6 stitches of woven stitch. Knit 2 stitches with linen stitch, then another 2 stitches together and then one single stitch, all linen stitch.
- Then knit 3 rows (pay attention to the different stitches, check with the pattern)
- Continue in the same way until row n°32. Check with the pattern for where to add stitches.
- When you reach row n°33, stop alternation and use 2 linen threads on both sides until row n°57.
- When you get to row n°58, knit 1 row with 2 cotton threads in basic lace stitch. Knit each side separately in order to do the neckline and sleeve.
- At the last row, keep stitches on stitch holder.

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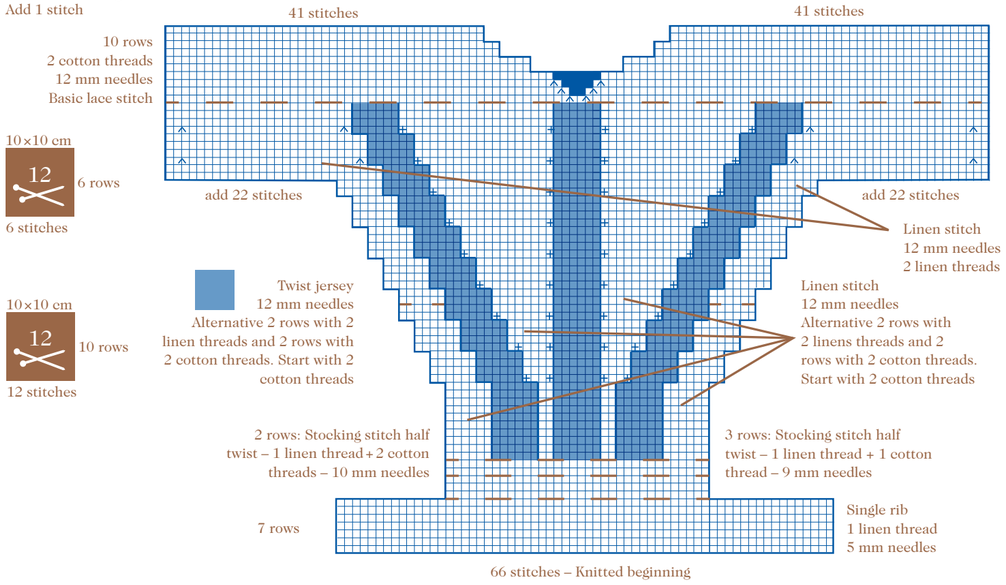
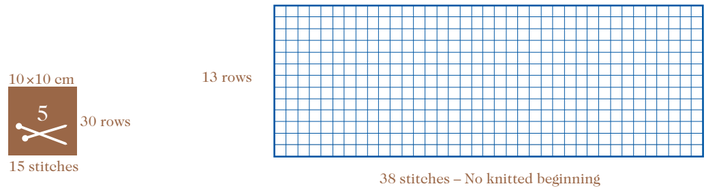
Keep the loop on stitch holder (don't stop the stitches, you will use them for the shuttle seam)



BACK

x 1 piece. Needles 5, 9, 10 and 12 mm.
The cast on row and the finishing row are not included in the pattern.

- Cast on 66 stitches on 5 mm needles with 1 linen thread and knit 6 rows of single rib.
- On row n°7, decrease in order to have 34 stitches. For decreasing, knit 2 stitches together at each '^' sign.
- With 9 mm needles, knit 3 rows of stocking stitch half twist with 1 linen thread + 1 cotton thread.
- With 10 mm needles, knit 2 rows of stocking stitch half twist with 1 linen thread + 2 cotton threads.
- Then with 12 mm needles for 10 rows, knit 6 stitches of linen stitch, 6 stitches of woven stitch, 2 stitches of linen stitch, 6 stitches of woven stitch, 2 stitches of linen stitch, 6 stitches of woven stitch and 6 stitches of linen stitch.
- With linen stitch knit 6 stitches, then knit 6 stitches of woven stitch, add 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches of linen stitch and add 1 stitch. Knit 6 stitches of woven stitch, add 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches of linen stitch and add another stitch. Knit 6 stitches of woven stitch. Knit 6 stitches with linen stitch.
- Then knit 3 rows (pay attention to the different stitches used, check with the pattern)
- Continue in the same way until row n°32. Check with the pattern for where to add stitches.
- When you reach row n°33, stop alternation and use 2 linen threads on both sides until row n°48.
- At row n°49, add 22 stitches on both sides and knit according to the pattern.
- Having arrived at row n°59, knit 4 rows with 2 cotton threads in basic lace stitch. Knit each side separately in order to do the neckline and sleeve.
- At the last row, keep stitches on stitch holder.



COLLAR

x 1 piece. Needles 5 mm – 1 cotton thread.
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- Cast on 38 stitches on the 5 mm needles with 1 cotton thread and knit 13 rows of jersey.
- Fold over and pick up the stitch from the first row.
- Insert them into the stitches from the last row.
- Knit 1 row with all stitches (first + last row = 76 stitches).
- Don't cast off, this row will be sewed into the neckline.

THE SEAM

- Sew the front to the back from the bottom of the side to the bottom of the sleeve.