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, tenderly, is perhaps a response to the modern grind. How does it work 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-da-fé 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, subconscious to let shapes and patterns grow forth of their ‘automatic knitting’ – play fully tapping into her own creative paradigm is hard to do. And yet, those who do are growing in numbers.

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

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**LE MOINE TRICOTE ANA 01**

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**MATERIALS**

- Single rib
- Stocking stitch half twist
- Woven stitch
- Linen stitch
- Basic lace stitch

**STITCHES USED**

- 2 mm needles
- 3 mm needles
- 4 mm needles
- 5 mm needles
- 6 mm needles

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**FRONT**

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

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**BACK**

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

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**THE SEAM**

- Single rib, Woven stitch, Linen stitch, Basic lace stitch

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**COLLAR**

- 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.
- Use 2 cotton threads in basic lace stitch.
- When you reach row n°38, knit 1 row with 2 cotton threads and knit 13 rows of stocking stitch half twist with 1 linen thread + 1 cotton thread.
- 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, 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, add 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches of linen stitch and add another stitch.
- Knit 2 stitches together at each ‘^’ sign.
- Keep the loop on stitch holder (don’t stop the stitches, you will use them for the shuttle seam).

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**FRONT**

- 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 needle, 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.
- 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, 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.
- Then knit 3 rows (pay attention to the different stitches, check with the pattern).
- In the same way until row n°32.
- Cast on 38 stitches on both sides until row n°57.
- With 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, 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.
- When you reach row n°38, knit 1 row with 2 cotton threads in basic lace stitch.
- Knit each side separately in order to do the neckline and sleeves.
- In the last row, keep stitches on stitch holder.

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**BACK**

- 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 7 rows, knit 3 rows of stocking stitch half twist with 1 linen thread + 2 cotton threads.
- 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.
- When you reach row n°38, knit 1 row with 2 cotton threads and knit 13 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.
- 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, 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.
- Then knit 3 rows (pay attention to the different stitches, check with the pattern).
- In the same way until row n°32.
- Cast on 66 stitches on both sides until row n°57.
- With 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, 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, add 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches of linen stitch and add another stitch.
- When you reach row n°38, knit 1 row with 2 cotton threads in basic lace stitch.
- Knit each side separately in order to do the neckline and sleeves.
- In the last row, keep stitches on stitch holder.

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**THE SEAM**

- Cast on 36 stitches on the 5 mm needle with 1 linen thread and knit 13 rows of purl.
- Fold over and purl up the stitches from the first row.
- Insert them into the stitches from the last row.
- Knit 1 row with all stitches (last row + 7 rows).
- Do not cast off, this row will be sewn into the neckline.