Backstein

“Backstein” is German and is translated as “Brick”. A simple neck-warmer, best worn tucked under the collar of a jacket or a shirt. This stitch pattern creates a dense, firm fabric that keeps the cold out prevents it from sloppily sliding down your neck. This simple design is inspired by the ubiquitous brick stones seen in house building in the part of Germany where I’m from. Finished size ca 51cm circumference and 23cm length Great man-gift! ☺

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Materials:

Yarn:

Colour A (red): Cascade 220, 100% Peruvian Highland Wool, 220yards/200m, Col. No 2401
Colour B (gray): Cascade 220 Heathers, 100% Peruvian Highland Wool 220yards/200m, Col. No 8401

Notions:

3.75mm circular needle (32 inches or longer) for magic loop, or DPNs, whatever is preferred,
1 stitch marker and tapestry needle to weave in ends

Make the neck-warmer

CO 90 stitches with the long-tail method with **colour B**, place marker and join the round.

A note on the colour changes:
Unless it is stated in the instruction for the particular round that the colour needs to be changed, the colour of the previous round is to be used.

Rounds 1-6: Knit all rounds with **colour B**
Round 7: change to **colour A**, *knit 5, slip 1 purl-wise , repeat from * until the end
Round 8: *purl 5, slip 1 purl-wise, repeat from * until the end
Round 9: repeat round 7
Round 10: repeat round 8
Round 11: change to **colour B**, knit all stitches
Round 12: knit all stitches
Round 13: change to **colour A**, knit 2 stitches, slip 1 purl-wise , *knit 5, slip 1 purl-wise , repeat from *, knit 3
Round 14: knit 2 stitches, slip 1 purl-wise , *purl 5, slip 1 purl-wise , repeat from *, purl 3
Round 15: repeat round 13
Round 16: repeat round 14
Round 17: change to **colour B**, knit all stitches
Round 18: knit all stitches

At this point you will have 2 layers of "Bricks" finished. **Carry on repeating rounds 7-18** until your neck-warmer has the desired length. I did 6 repeats [of rounds 7-18], making a total of 14 layers of "Bricks".

Finishing off:

Knit another 5 rounds with the current colour (**colour B**) and bind off loosely. Finished!

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