

Your Own Personal Minion by Kathy Lewinski



I used Aran weight yarn to make my minion on size 5 needles. My gauge was about 5 stitches per inch. My minion is about 4 inches tall & 6 inches around. You can use any size yarn & needles you want just make sure you are getting a tight knit so the stuffing doesn't show through. The bigger the yarn & needles the bigger the minion & vice versa.

Supplies:

- yarn of choice in yellow, denim blue & black (you need just the littlest bit of each)
- four double pointed needles of the appropriate size
- tapestry needle
- Two 3/4-inch flat white buttons with shanks (or buttons appropriate sized to your minion)
- black & silver acrylic paint
- thick tacky craft glue
- poly-fil stuffing

Abbreviations:

- kfb – Knit into the front & back of the same stitch, increasing one stitch
- ssk – Slip the first two stitches off the left needle onto the right needle as if to knot. Insert the left needle into the front of these two stitches & knit them together (left slanted decrease)
- k2tog– knit two together (right slanted decrease)

Body:

Cast on 6 stitches in yellow. Divide equally on 3 needles. Join together being careful not to twist. Place a marker between your first & last stitch to mark rows.

Row 1: kfb into each stitch (12 stitches)

Row 2: k

Row 3: kfb, k1, kfb, k1, kfb, kfb, k1, kfb, k1, kfb, k2 (18 stitches)

Row 4: k

Row 5: kfb, k2, kfb, k2, kfb, k2, kfb, k2, kfb, k2, kfb, k2 (24 stitches)

Row 6: k

Row 7: kfb, k3, kfb, k3, kfb, k4, kfb, k3, kfb, k3, kfb, k2 (30 stitches)

Row 8 - 17: k (to make a taller minion just add more rows here)

Pull your cast on tail inside & weave it in. Now is the time to add the goggles, mouth & hair.

Change to just blue

Rows 23 - 27: knit

(If you are duplicate stitching the overalls this would be a good time to do that.)

Row 28: ssk, k3, ssk, k3, ssk, k4, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k2 (24 stitches)

Row 29: k

Row 30: ssk, k2, ssk, k2, ssk, k2, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k2 (18 stitches)

Row 31: k

Row 32: ssk, k1, ssk, k1, ssk, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k2 (12 stitches)

Row 33: k

Row 34: ssk, ssk, ssk, k2tog, k2tog, k2tog (6 stitches)

Add any additional stuffing you need. Cut yarn leaving about an 8-inch tail. Thread tail onto a tapestry needle & thread through the 6 stitches on the needles. Pull tight & weave in the end.

Arms: Make 2 arms

Cast on 3 stitches & knit an i-cord. Work 8 rows. (If you have made your minion taller increase the arm the same number of rows. Minions arms should be as long or longer than their bodies.)

Now, you will increase & decrease to create the hand. You are still knitting an i-cord while doing this. Switch to black yarn

On the next row kfb into each stitch giving you 6 stitches. Knit the next row. Next row K2tog three times giving you 3 stitches.

Cut yarn leaving about a 4-inch tail. Thread tail onto a tapestry needle & thread through the 3 stitches on the needles. Pull tight & weave in the end. Use the cast on tail to sew on.

Shoes: Make 2 shoes.



In black, cast on 3 stitches and knit an i-cord. Work for 3 rows. Cut yarn leaving about an 4-inch tail. Thread tail onto a tapestry needle & thread through the 3 stitches on the needles. Pull tight & weave in the end. Use the cast on tail to sew on.

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