**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 knit. 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, k1, 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.
Hair:
Where you started knitting is the head of your minion. Pull pieces of black yarn through the top, leaving a little showing for the hair, & knot them to your knitting on the inside. Arrange them around the top in any hairstyle you want. Trim them to be an even length if desired. I like to put a dab of craft glue on each knot for extra security.

Goggles:

Paint around the edge of each button with silver. Then paint a black eyeball in the center. Decide where you want the goggles to be on the minion, you want them to touch each other, mark it. (I choose the area right in the (kfb, k4, k2tog) section of the head.) Then duplicate stitch a band of black around the minion centered on where the goggles will be for the strap. Sew on the dry goggles. I then used a good thick craft glue to attach the goggles to each other in the center & also fill in behind each button to give it the depth of the goggles. I found the tip of a needle or toothpick made a good delivery system for the glue. Make sure to use a glue that dries clear. When the glue is dry you can also paint it silver.

Mouth:
Using black yarn, embroider on a mouth.
Stuff the minion as much as you can at this point. Then keep stuffing as you go along.

Overalls:
You can either do the bibs & straps of the overalls in intarsia or duplicate stitch.

Rows 18-22: knit following the chart below if you are doing intarsia. If you are doing duplicate stitch, just knit the rows in yellow & then follow this chart for the duplicate stitch later. The shaded squares are the blue & the white squares are yellow.

Minion Overall Chart
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, 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 longer 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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