You will need:
- Black card A1 size
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Pencil
- Ruler/tape measure
- Strong tape e.g. parcel tape or gaffer tape

To make the hair:
1. Cut a length of card that will fit comfortably around your child’s head, then add an extra 3-5cm more at the end. Staple the ends together to make a headband. Cover the staples with tape to protect your child’s head.

2. Cut four strips of black card that are 4cm wide and the length of your child’s head. Use one strip to create an arch from one side of the headband to the other. Staple in place. Repeat on the opposite side so you have a cross. Do the same with the other two pieces of card, placing them diagonally over the cross. Staple into place to make a skullcap. Place some tape over the staples to protect your child’s head.
3. Print out the **hair template** and draw round it on to black card. Then draw a bigger border around one of the hairpieces (this will go at the back of your Dennis hairpiece).

4. Cut out the hairpieces. Staple the smaller hairpiece to the front and the bigger hairpiece to the back for Dennis’ wild hair.

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**YOU WILL NEED**

- Red t-shirt
- Black fabric paint or black paint
- Paintbrush
- Masking tape
- Newspaper
- Piece of card

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**TO MAKE THE STRIPED TOP**

1. Fit the top over a piece of cardboard so it is quite flat. Stick on evenly-spaced strips of masking tape until you have stripes all the way down and around both sides of the top.

2. Now paint on the areas that are **not** masked out with the tape. Leave to dry somewhere warm, then repeat on the back of the top.

3. When the paint is dry, remove the tape carefully. Voilà! You have a striped Dennis or Minnie top! Follow the instructions on the fabric paint to ‘fix’ the colours.

4. To finish your outfit: wear the striped top with **black shorts** and **red socks**.
DRESS UP AS...
MINNIE THE MINX

TO MAKE THE HAIR

1. Screw up a piece of red tissue paper and glue to a black beret or woolly hat. Make some orange pig tails from wool or felt and tie red ribbon around the end of each. Attach to the inside of the beret with tape.

2. To finish your outfit: wear a striped top (see Dennis’ costume above), a black skirt and red or black socks and you can be Minnie the Minx too!

OUTFIT TIPS

- For extra menacing fun, finish off with a catapult.
- If you don’t have time to paint the stripes, just cut and attach black paper strips with double-sided tape or black gaffer tape around a red top.
- Add some black eyebrows with black face paint for added effect.
- Print out the Gnasher template and glue him on to some white card, then cut him out and attach to a stick.

YOU WILL NEED
- Red tissue paper
- Glue
- Orange felt or wool
- Red ribbon
- Strong tape
- Black beret

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Hair Template

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