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## **The Weirdest Thing We've Heard So Far**

**Dear Problem Ladies,**

Please help me figure out this Great Sock Mystery.

When I knit socks from the toe up, I always need fewer stitches than when I knit them from the cuff down. For example, any sock I knit for myself (plain or ribbed, no cables or anything else that might influence stitch count) from the cuff down usually requires 56 stitches (on #2 needles). Using the same yarn and the same needles, those same socks would take a mere 44 stitches working from the toe up. I don't get it!

I haven't figured out why this happens. No other knitter I've asked has had an explanation.

***Mystified***



**Dear Mystified,**

That is the weirdest thing we have ever heard, and we've seen some peculiar stuff.

There is clearly some sort of shriveling that's setting in whenever you put on a sock that you made from the toe up. Your feet are shrinking! We're pretty sure you have some allergy to toe-up knitting, so for heaven's sake, get back to top-down sock knitting as soon as possible.

It's either that, or you've been doing some Ambien-related sleepwalking during which you prank yourself.



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