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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.



Knit Strong! Keep those cards and letters coming in to problemladies@twistcollective.com. Write a letter that Kay and Ann choose to answer in the fall issue and we'll send you a Twist Collective tape measure.