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Something terrible has happened in Louisa's sock drawer!
One of the blue socks is all on its own. The old socks say that socks are only useful if they are in pairs. What will the blue sock do now?

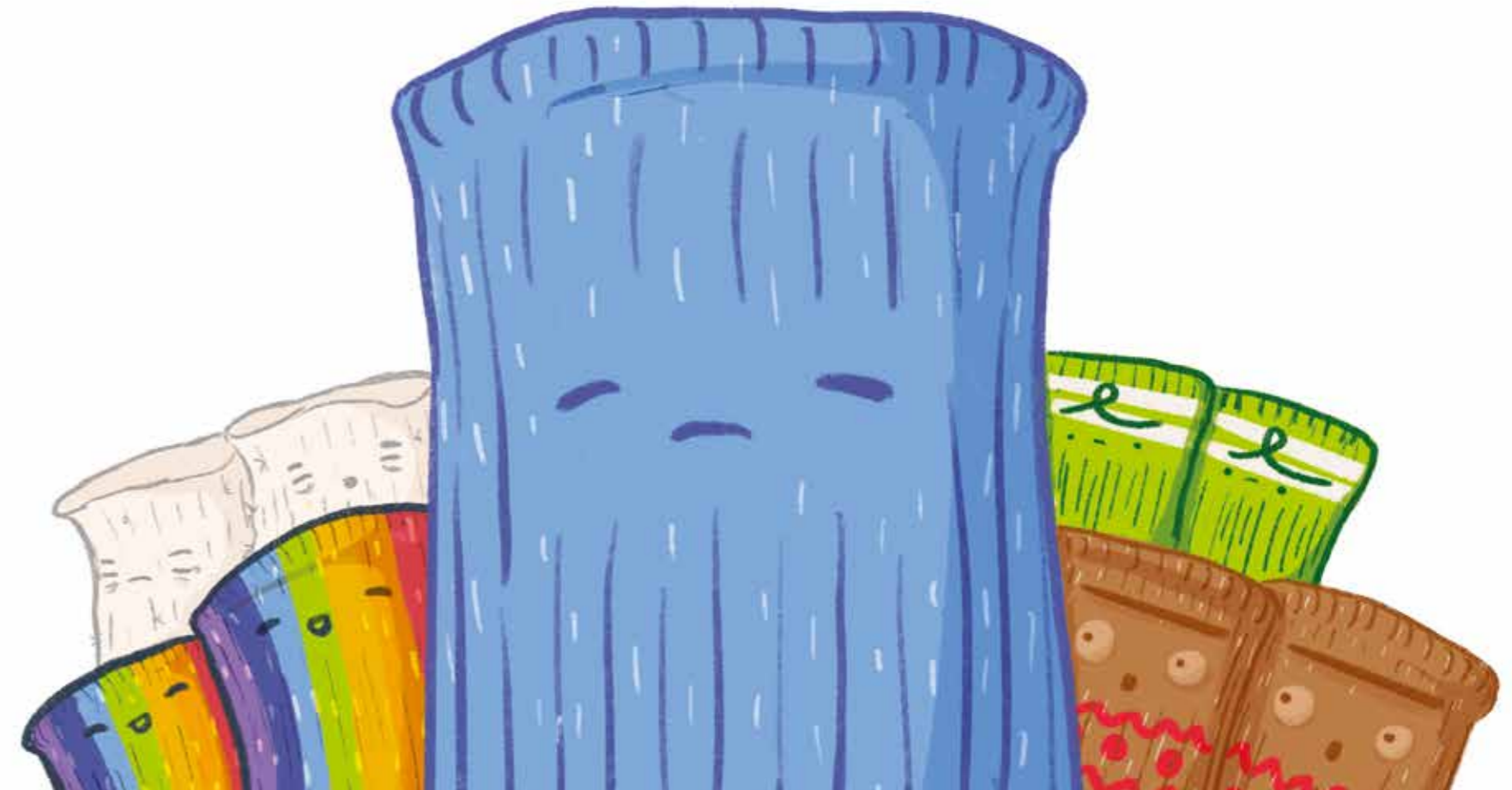
Join the adventure as the socks try to find the missing blue sock and discover, to their surprise, that one is every bit as important as two.



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The sock drawer was quiet until a small moan,
caused the socks to unroll to see Blue Sock alone.
They all yelped in horror, there was nothing so sad,
as a sock all alone, half of what they once had.

To my precious Elodie — truly and gloriously one of a kind.
~ G.S.



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“Where is the other one? Where did it go?”

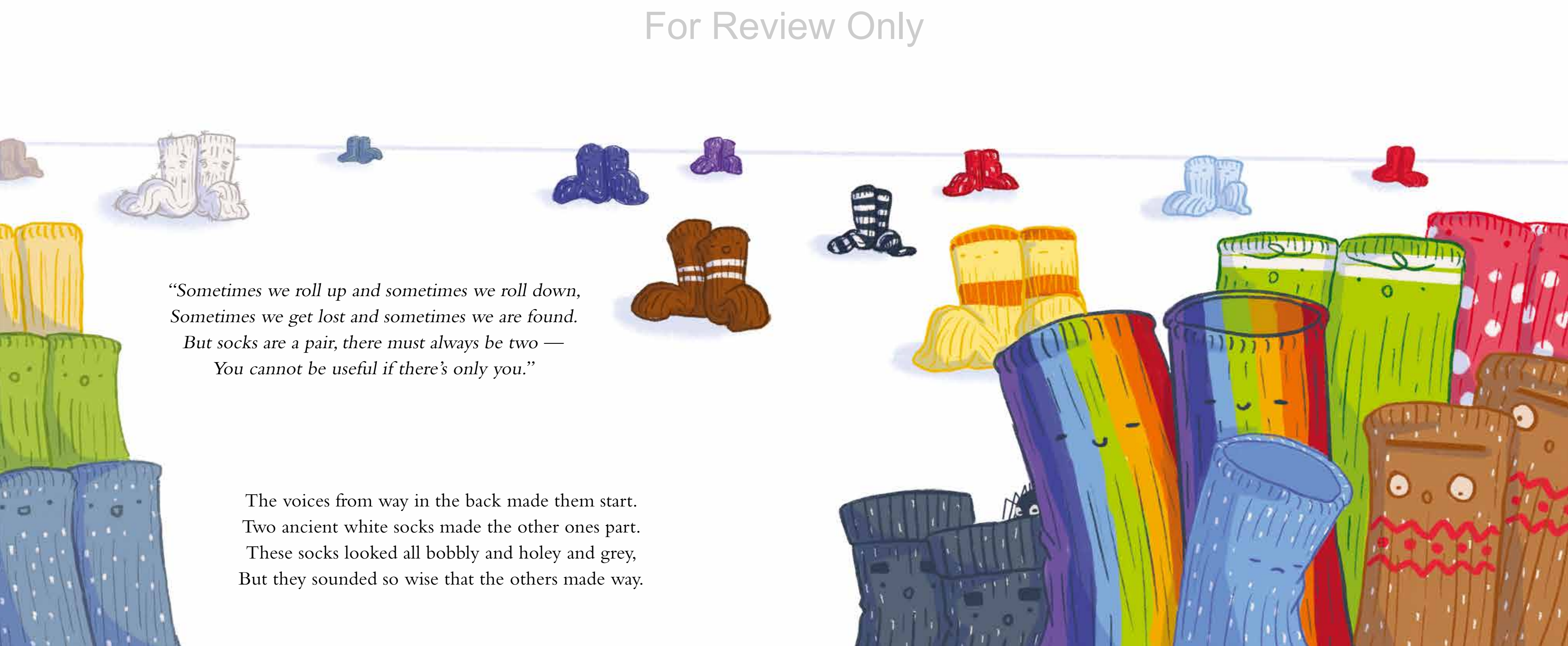
“Please don’t ask questions, I really don’t know.
We got all twirled round in the washing machine,
While the water and bubbles were making us clean.”



The socks exchanged glances of worry and fright.

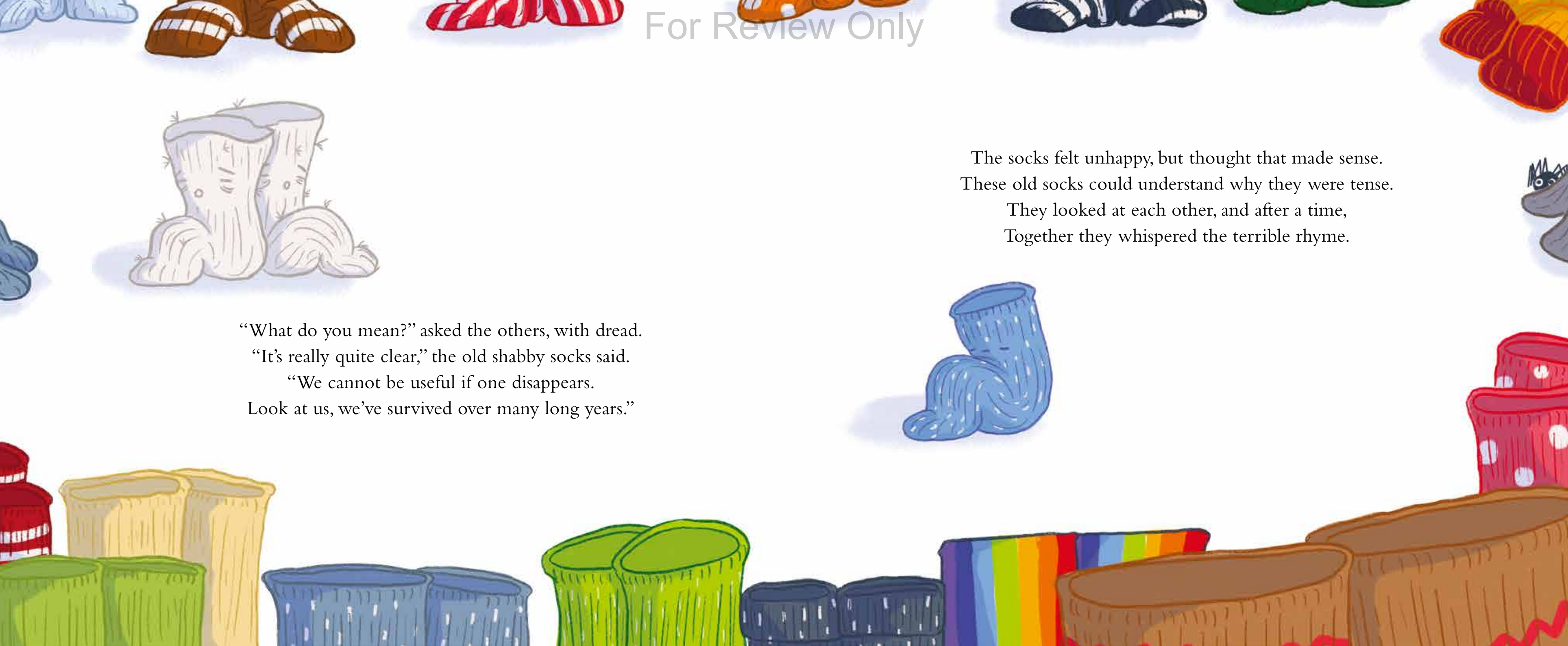
A sock on its own, it just didn’t seem right.
As all the socks searched for a comforting word,
A rustling sound told them that something had stirred.





*“Sometimes we roll up and sometimes we roll down,
Sometimes we get lost and sometimes we are found.
But socks are a pair, there must always be two —
You cannot be useful if there’s only you.”*

The voices from way in the back made them start.
Two ancient white socks made the other ones part.
These socks looked all bobbly and holey and grey,
But they sounded so wise that the others made way.



The socks felt unhappy, but thought that made sense.
These old socks could understand why they were tense.
They looked at each other, and after a time,
Together they whispered the terrible rhyme.

“What do you mean?” asked the others, with dread.
“It’s really quite clear,” the old shabby socks said.
“We cannot be useful if one disappears.
Look at us, we’ve survived over many long years.”



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Let's Discuss



The blue sock was upset when its partner didn't return. Have you ever felt like this?



The rainbow socks tried to help the blue sock. How do you help your friends when they have a problem?



Louisa's friends thought her mixed-up socks were fantastic. Do you ever mix up your socks or other clothes? Why?



Even though the socks were now mixed, the blue sock still missed its friend. How can you feel better when you miss someone?



The old socks changed their minds at the end. Can you think of a time you changed your mind about something?



"You're always important, just being you." Think of some of the ways you are important.

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Find new uses for your old socks!



You will need:

An old sock

Some stuffing such as cotton wool or tissue

Some rubber bands

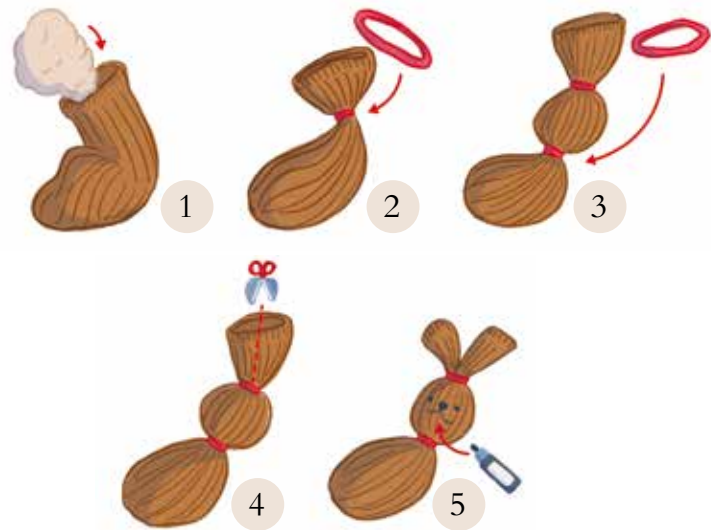
A pair of safety scissors

Some fabric pens

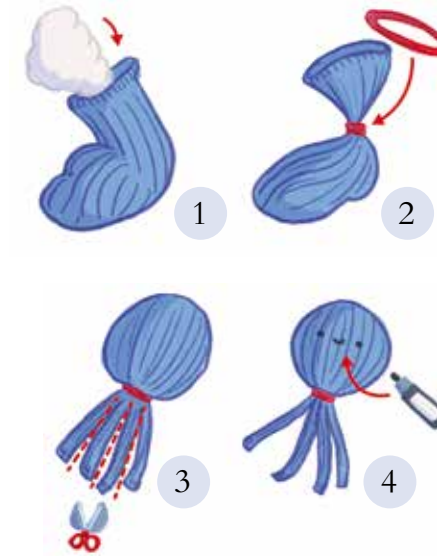


Sock Bunny

What to do:



1. Stuff the sock with cotton wool or tissue until it is two-thirds full.
2. Tie a rubber band where the stuffing ends.
3. Tie another rubber band a little way down from the first to form the bunny's head.
4. Use a pair of scissors to cut the rest of the sock into 2 strips for the ears.
5. Draw eyes using fabric pens.



Sock Octopus

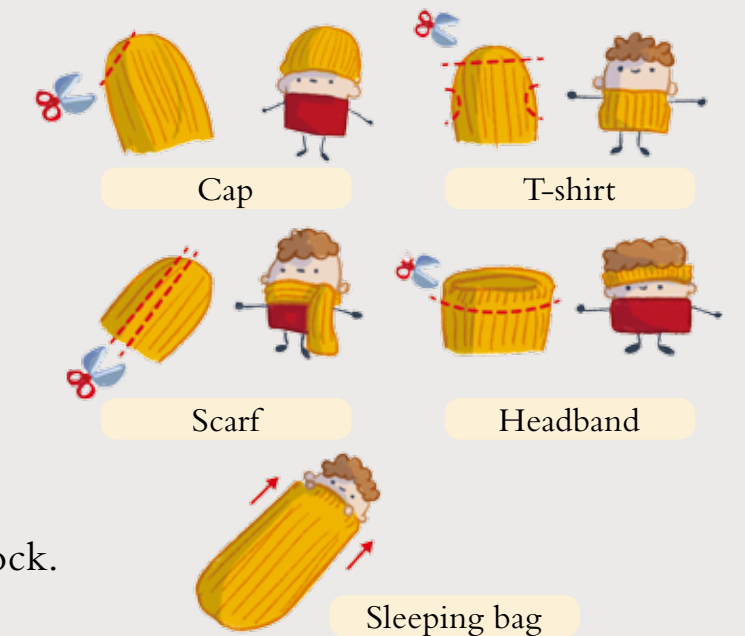
What to do:

1. Stuff the sock with cotton wool or tissue until it is half full.
2. Tie a rubber band where the stuffing ends to form a round head.
3. Use a pair of scissors to cut the rest of the sock into 8 strips for the octopus' arms.
4. Draw the eyes using fabric pens.

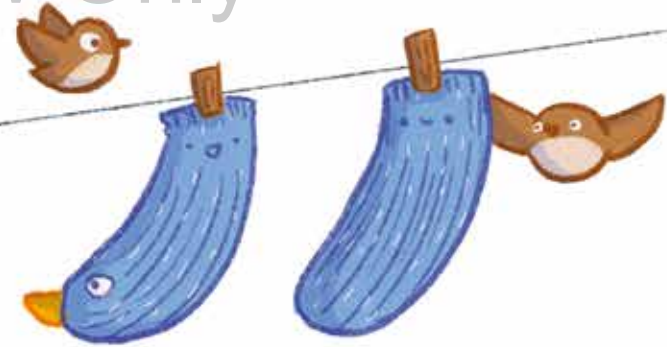
Toy Clothes and Accessories

What to do:

- Cap: Cut off the tip of the sock.
- T-shirt: Cut off the tip of the sock, then cut two armholes at the sides.
- Scarf: Cut a long strip from the sock.
- Headband: Cut a ring from the sock.
- Sleeping bag: Place your toy in the sock.



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