

A Lion and His Socks




As the wedding march played and Margaret walked down the aisle on the arm of her father, Joe, the eyes of the invited guests were on Joe's socks. The left sock was green and the right was red. "I have another pair just like it at home," he joked at the reception.

This was a tradition—red and green socks on weekends and on special occasions. It started when Joe's daughters were little and gave him socks in ultra-bright colors. "What should I do with these?" he asked his wife. She told him Rule Number Five of parenting: You must wear or use any gift that your small child draws, makes, or finds for you, even if friends or strangers point at you and giggle.

From that day, Joe has worn brightly colored socks on weekends, a different color on each foot. Somewhere along the way, he specialized in only red and green socks. As the Lt. Governor of the Lions Club, he even tried to have these brightly colored socks, along with lion slippers, adopted as part of the official Lions Club uniform.

Being a puzzle lover, Joe made up challenges having to do with all of his colored socks. For example, if he has 4 red socks and 4 green socks in a drawer and if every day he pulls out 2 socks with his eyes closed, about how many times in a year will he pull out socks that don't match?



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Draw (or make) one of the following pairs of socks:

- socks with incredible colors.
- socks that are UGLIER than all other socks.
- socks that are more beautiful than any other.
- socks to attract animals or birds.