



Factsheet: The Sock Monster

You may have heard of the Sock Monster but in terms of magical creatures he is very new; a myth in the making so to speak. We've put together the most common facts we could find about this increasingly popular monster, though you may have come across many more.

- ❖ The Sock Monster is an ultra-modern urban myth used as an entertaining explanation for what happens to lost socks and why people so often find themselves with lots of odd ones. He is also known as the “The Odd Sock Monster” and “The Lost Sock Monster”.
- ❖ Some people say that the Sock Monster only has one leg, which is why he only steals one sock from a pair.
- ❖ It is thought by many that the Sock Monster may live in the washing machine, or at least that the washing machine is a door to his magical land! Children have also been known to wonder if he lives in the tumble dryer.
- ❖ The Sock Monster is often depicted as very hungry and there have been suggestions that he actually eats the socks instead of wearing them. Other stories suggest that he tears them to shreds and scatters them around the house or takes them away to Odd Sock Land.
- ❖ It is believed that the Sock Monster will steal socks from anywhere, including wardrobes, washing lines, linen baskets, drawers, airing cupboards and beds. There have been very few reports of him stealing them from feet!
- ❖ As the urban myth of the Sock Monster grows, Sock Monster soft toys are becoming increasingly popular gifts for children. There are a growing number of places to buy them online, or you could simply make one yourself – from an old odd sock.
- ❖ Sock Monsters are also a popular subject for drawings by children. Because no-one knows for sure what the Sock Monster looks like, children often love making pictures of how they imagine him to be.
- ❖ There is some debate about the colour of the Sock Monster. Some say he is purple, others brown, and others green. However, most people are convinced he has large teeth, presumably for chewing up socks.
- ❖ Sock Monsters are known to live in a number of countries, including America, Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, Germany and France. It seems that some countries have a higher number of Sock Monster incidents than others, but they are all on the increase.