

Socklems

Yes. They are magically animated socks. Although 'animated' is a fuzzy (typically, so are Socklems) term; when not being worn by someone Socklems can more or less move around like inchworms, but they can't manipulate or carry anything. Or communicate. It's not entirely clear that they can see.

But put one on a foot, and **wow**. That foot's going to be in wonderful shape. Socklems can do anything from fight athlete's foot to support fallen arches; and, needless to say, any foot protected by a Socklem is effectively immune to getting wet, hot, cold, clammy, or dirty. The Socklem in exchange gets access to the full sensorium of whoever is wearing them, which invariably causes the Socklem to radiate a mild feeling of pleasure and amiability around it. AS you might guess, few people hosting a Socklem ever take them off. Ever.

But who makes these? Nobody, really. They're sort of byproducts of more conventional magical animation projects. You know how, when somebody makes a tray of biscuits, all the dough left over is rolled into a tube and used to keep the biscuits in place for the baking process?

Yeah, that's sort of like how they make Socklems. And they're pretty popular, too. A pair makes for a nice winter festival gift... what?

No. No, a pair of Socklems are absolutely not mated to each other. Come on, they're *socks*.

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