How to Have a Sock Battle

If socks are not attached together in pairs *before* they go through the wash, someone has to sort and match them *after* they're dry. To make this chore fun, wait until there are lots of socks to sort, and then have a **Sock Battle** like Darcy and Daddy in *Hammer and Nails*. Here's how:

1. CHOOSE SIDES: Decide who is in charge of what. With two players, one is in charge of colored socks, and the other is in charge of black and white socks. If three people are playing, one calls 'colors,' one calls 'black,' and one calls 'white.' If lots of people want to play, make teams for each category based on your family's socks!

2. SET UP: Players sit or stand opposite each other (or in a circle) on the floor. Dump all of the unmatched socks in the middle where everyone can reach them. (It's easiest to grab the socks if they are on the floor or on a towel rather than in a basket.)

3. SORTING: When someone says "1-2-3-Go!" everyone starts throwing socks at people, according to category. For example, in the picture above, Darcy throws all the colored socks at Daddy, while Daddy throws all the black and white socks at Darcy. Keep throwing until all the socks are sorted.

4. PAIRING: Again, someone says "1-2-3-Go!" and each person or team has to correctly match and fold their socks into pairs. The first team to finish wins.

But really, EVERYONE wins, because now all of the socks are sorted and folded!

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