

Socks By Bob



IT'S ABOUT:

Who? _____

Where? _____

Doing? _____

How? _____

Why It Began? _____

The Numbers

Socks by Bob began in _____

They have knitted _____ pairs of socks.

The knitting machines go at _____ turns a second.

_____ miles of socks!

The Key To Life

Bob thinks the key to life is

Discuss It



1. What for you is the "key to life"?
2. What things do the homeless need in order to survive on the streets?
3. If you could, how would you help the homeless?
4. What do you think you'll be doing as a senior citizen?

Video Transcript

In Saskatoon, Saskatchewan you'll find four senior citizens making socks. Lots and lots of socks.

[Bob] Socks by Bob have knitted 11,662 as of today.

[Commentator] That's pairs of socks, which means Socks by Bob has knitted 23,324 individual socks, 8.8 miles of socks, and they're all for charity.

The man responsible for all these socks is none other than Bob Rutherford.

Enter Bob's knitting machines. These super-powered knitting machines go at 90 turns per second. That's pretty fast. But, what makes these machines special are that they're self-made.

[Bob] I'm an experimenter. I just build things. And it took a long time to figure out how to do it. But when you're retired and nothing to do, it just sorta grew.

[Commentator] Socks by Bob began in 2010 after the passing of Bob's wife Edith.

[Bob] I was a caregiver to my wife before she died and my son came home and said, "Dad you need something to do." I said, "Well I've made these socks "on this first knitting machine."

[Commentator] And that sparked an idea, making socks for those in need. But Bob doesn't work alone. He has plenty of help.

[Bob] George cuts the tube length.
Glynn and Barney, they rub-knit tube socks by the roll.

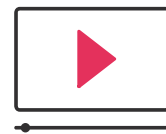
[Commentator] Each week Bob and his team knit hundreds of socks that they then deliver to countless homeless shelters all throughout Canada.

[Bob] The socks are delivered in Alberta, Saskatchewan, BC, in Red Deer, Calgary. Some have gone to the northern part of the province. In short, they go to where they're needed.

People gotta keep involved. You just can't give up because of bereavement or whatever the case may be. I think that knitting socks for needy people is important.

People have to reach out and touch each other, I think, as they grow older, and this has helped me do that. And I think that's the key to life.

You don't give up. And find a purpose.
Find something that needs to be done and do it.



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Who? Senior Citizens

Where? Saskatoon, Canada

Doing? Knitting socks for the homeless

How? Using a knitting machine. Plus packing, sending.

Why It Began? Bob's wife died. His son said he needed to do something.

The Numbers

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The Key To Life

Bob thinks the key to life is

Getting and keeping involved.

Reach out and touch people.

Don't give up

Have a purpose and do it.

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