Sol and the Same-Sized Steps

A measuring mystery on the kitchen floor.



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Sol needed a paper runner for the kitchen table. "I'll measure it," he told Dad. He placed his paw at one end and moved it carefully along.



"Eight paws!" Sol announced. Dad measured too. "Six paws," he said. Sol stared at the table. It had not become shorter while they were standing there.



Sol counted again. He kept his paws close together, with no gaps. Eight. Dad tried again, using his own broad paw. Six. The table was being mysterious.



They traced their paws on separate sheets of paper. Sol's outline fitted comfortably inside Dad's. "Our measuring pieces are different sizes," Sol said, turning the pages.



Dad brought a strip of card. Sol marked one end with a blue dot so they would both begin in the same place. They used that strip next.



Sol laid the strip along the table, marking each end on scrap paper beside it. Dad checked that no spaces crept in. The count was eight strips.



Then Dad used the very same strip. He began at the same edge. Eight strips again! Sol tapped the table. "You weren't changing size after all."



They laid eight strips along the paper runner. Sol wanted some paper to hang over each end, so they added another strip at either side.



Dad cut the long paper while Sol held it flat. Together, they spread it over the table. The middle fitted, and both ends hung down neatly.



Sol drew tiny pawprints along the runner. He made some large and some small. These paws were decorations now, so they could be any size he liked.



When Mum came home, Sol offered her the blue-dotted strip. "If you measure with this, we can compare our answers." Mum measured. Eight strips. She bowed to the expert.



At supper, the family sat around the paper runner. Under Sol's plate was one tiny note: Same table. Same strip. Same answer. His mystery was solved.

The End

A little story. A moment to share.

Why did Sol and Dad first get different answers?

What did they keep the same in their second measurement?

Choose a favourite moment and draw what happened next.

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