

The Official Yankee Swap Rules

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1. Bring one well wrapped gift to the party.

Follow the organizer's rules and bring the wrapped gift within price range and theme specified

2. Determine the game play order by drawing.

Write numbers on piece of paper and drop them in a bowl. Have everyone pick out a number that they will be assigned. This will create the game order.

3. Have the first player select and open a gift.

When the game starts, person with the number #1 in hand selects and opens the first gift. Everyone can see the opened gifts.

4. The next player will select a new gift or steal an opened one.

After the first gift has been opened, the second player has a choice to steal it from the first player or pick and open yet another gift from the pile and open it. The game continues like this until the end.

5. Can't immediately steal a gift stolen from you.

One rule of Yankee Swap to remember is that if someone steals from you, you would have the choice to steal from someone else or pick another unopened gift, but you can not steal back the gift that was just taken from you.

6. Refusal to steal after all gifts are opened ends the game.

After all the players have had their turn, the first player gets another go to swap the gift he or she is holding for any other opened gift. The game will only come to an end, when all gifts have been opened and someone declines to steal a gift.

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