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## The Official Rules for a Yankee Swap\*

- Everyone gets a randomly drawn number when they bring an unlabeled wrapped gift to the swap. Nobody leaves until it's over. Sorry...
- Remember: the person who gets to pick first, also gets to pick last.
- The person with the lowest number goes first. He or she chooses a present, opens it, and takes it back with them.
- Each person in order then gets to pick a present, open it and decide whether to keep it or swap it for any other present someone else has already received (this is the "Yankee" part.)
- Opening and swapping continues until all presents have been chosen.
- Finally, the person who picked first gets to choose from all presents, or keep whatever he or she has already received.

*Visit [www.yankee-swap.net](http://www.yankee-swap.net) for a Yankee Swap planning guide, coordinator's reference sheet and checklist, and a sample invitation. 30% of all proceeds donated to OxFam America. Questions? [rules@yankee-swap.net](mailto:rules@yankee-swap.net) Thanks—Robert*



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