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White Elephant Rules Printable

Simple rules, stealing rules and fun variations for your gift swap

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White Elephant Rules

Print and read aloud before the gift swap starts

WHAT YOU NEED

- One wrapped gift from every player, placed in a pile.
- A spending limit everyone agrees on, for example $20–$25.
- Numbered slips of paper in a hat or bowl.

HOW TO PLAY

- Everyone draws a number. Player 1 opens a gift from the pile and shows it to everyone.
- On each turn, the next player either opens a new gift from the pile or steals a gift that has already been opened.
- If your gift is stolen, you can open a new gift or steal a different opened gift.
- Play continues until every player has a gift.

STEALING RULES

- A gift can be stolen only three times. The third person to hold it keeps it.
- You cannot steal back a gift that was just taken from you.
- Only one steal per turn, then the next number goes.

FINAL SWAP

- When everyone has a gift, Player 1 gets one last chance to swap with anyone in the room.

FUN VARIATIONS

- Dice version: roll a die each turn – 1 open a gift, 2 steal, 3 swap with left, 4 swap with right, 5 trade with anyone, 6 pass.
- Theme swaps: “under $10”, “handmade”, “gag gifts” or “something you use every day”.
- Time limit: keep a 10-minute timer so the game stays fast and fun.

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