

White Elephant Gift Exchange Rules

Before the party

Sign up as a participant here: <https://tinyurl.com/UFLIB-2022-White-Elephant>

Each person who is participating in the White Elephant gift exchange must have brought a wrapped gift for the game in order to participate.

The game will begin with each player drawing a number from a bowl.

Round One

The player who has number 1 will select a wrapped gift from the table of gifts, and unwrap it – showing the item to the other participants.

Round Two

The second round; the player who has number 2 then has the option to either

- a) Take a gift from the table, unwrap it and show it to the other participants

OR

- b) Take the unwrapped gift from the first player.

If this occurs, the first player selects another gift, unwraps it, and shows it to the group.

Subsequent Rounds

Each following round, the player with the next highest number has the option to open a new gift, or take an already opened gift from a previous participant.

Players who have a gift taken from them have the choice to either open a new gift, or take a gift from another player. A player cannot have the same gift more than once in a round, though the same gift may travel through many hands in a single round. The round ends when each player who has already had a turn has a gift.

A player can take a gift they've already had in a later round, if the opportunity arises.

Penultimate Round

The player with the last number has the choice to take the last unwrapped gift, or to take any of the opened gifts. The round ends when a player selects and opens the last unwrapped gift.

Final Round and Wrap Up

The final round goes back to the player with number 1. This player has the option to either keep the gift they ended up with, or force a trade for any other gift. Once this occurs, the game is over, and each player keeps the gift they have.