

Grab Bag

This game can be expensive for the host but is easy to play. The host purchases inexpensive gifts equal to the number of party goers. It's smart to buy a few extra for people who neglect to RSVP.

1. Wrap all of the gifts before the party and place them in a large box or bag.
2. Hand each guest a playing card as he or she arrives at the party.
3. At exchange time, pull out a second deck of playing cards.
4. Pull a card out of the deck and hold it up. The person with the matching card pulls a gift from the bag, leaving it wrapped.
5. Continue pulling cards until everyone has a gift. If there are leftover gifts, reshuffle and continue. Some people may end up with two gifts.
6. After all the gifts are chosen, give guests five minutes to trade their still-wrapped gifts with other attendees.
7. After five minutes are up, everyone opens their presents.

It can be fun to throw in some "gag" type gifts to get some laughs. Judge how risqué you can be based on the guests at your party. Some hosts choose to have only gag gifts in the grab bag just to get some laughs out of the attendees.