Our gift exchange house rules

Fill in the blanks, tape it up by the gift pile, and point at it when the arguing starts.

Date: _____ Spend up to: $_____

Bring gifts by: _____ Host: _____

White elephant

1. Bring one wrapped gift, no name on it, at or under the spending limit.
2. Everyone draws a number. Number 1 goes first.
3. Number 1 opens a gift from the pile and shows it off.
4. Each next person either opens a new gift *or* steals one that's already open.
5. If your gift gets stolen, you open a new one or steal a different one. No instant steal-backs.
6. A gift can be stolen _____ times. After that it's frozen and stays put.
7. A turn ends when someone opens a new gift. That's what stops a steal chain.
8. Last turn for number 1, who may swap once: ☐ yes ☐ no

Secret Santa

1. Names go in a hat (or an app) by _____. Redraw if you pull your own.
2. Keep your person a secret until the exchange.
3. Stick to the spending limit above.
4. Write a short wish list: three things you'd actually use, plus sizes if clothes are on it.
5. Stuck? Ask the host to pass a question along, not the whole group chat.
6. Label your gift with your person's name, not yours.
7. Gifts get opened: ☐ one at a time ☐ all at once

House notes (allergies, no-gag-gifts, kids' table rules): _____

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