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DRAW A NUMBER

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# White Elephant Rules

1. Determine your order by writing numbers onto slips of paper for each participant in your white elephant gift exchange. (If you have 10 people, for example, then write 1, 2, 3, up to 10.) Fold the slips of paper, put them in a bowl or hat, and have everyone draw one. Now sit or stand in a circle or around a table, in order from 1 to the final number.
2. Person 1 should pick a gift and open it.
3. The next person can either pick a gift and open it, or steal from someone with an already-opened gift.
4. Gifts can be stolen a maximum of 3 times, in which case they become "frozen" to their owner. If it makes it easier, have anyone with frozen gifts step away from the circle so everyone else knows their item is off-limits. (If playing with a smaller group, you may want to lower the maximum number of steals to 1 or 2.)
5. Once all the gifts are open and everyone has had a turn, go around the circle again. Everyone has one final chance to steal, except for "frozen" gifts.