Take a present from the sack game

This game uses a sack of wrapped presents. You will need about 2 presents per player. Ask players to bring one each. It is more fun to disguise the presents and mix some nice presents with some naughty ones e.g. wrap some sprouts or mealworms.

You will also need a bag or small box to hold the cards and two small bowls to collect the discarded cards.

Fold all the cards twice, lengthways and then widthways.

Place one "Take a Present from the Sack" card into the bag for each present in the sack. Keep the spare cards in the discard bowl.

Place all the activity cards in the bag.

Starting with the oldest player, each player takes it in turn to take a card from the sack and follows the action on the card.

*** IMPORTANT** If you are running the game you need to have your eyes open. When a present is returned to the sack, you need to place a "Take a present from the sack" card into the bag for each present returned to keep things balanced. There are two cards where this happens, marked with a ***** below.

Enjoy

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I cannot complete the action e.g. I don't have any presents?

Just discard the card

Swap a present with another player

You can choose another player to swap presents with. If you do not have a present then you can still choose another player to take a present from, but they do not get one in return.

Swap seats with another player

Presents stay in the position, just the players swap Can I swap seats with myself? No

* Maximum 1 present each

If you have more than one present then return the extra to the Sack.

Don't forget to return one Take a present from the sack card to the bag.

Pass one of your presents to your left/right

Choose a present to pass to the left or right as indicated.

Swap a present with one from the sack

Choose a present to swap with one in the sack

Place this card on a present to protect it from other card actions

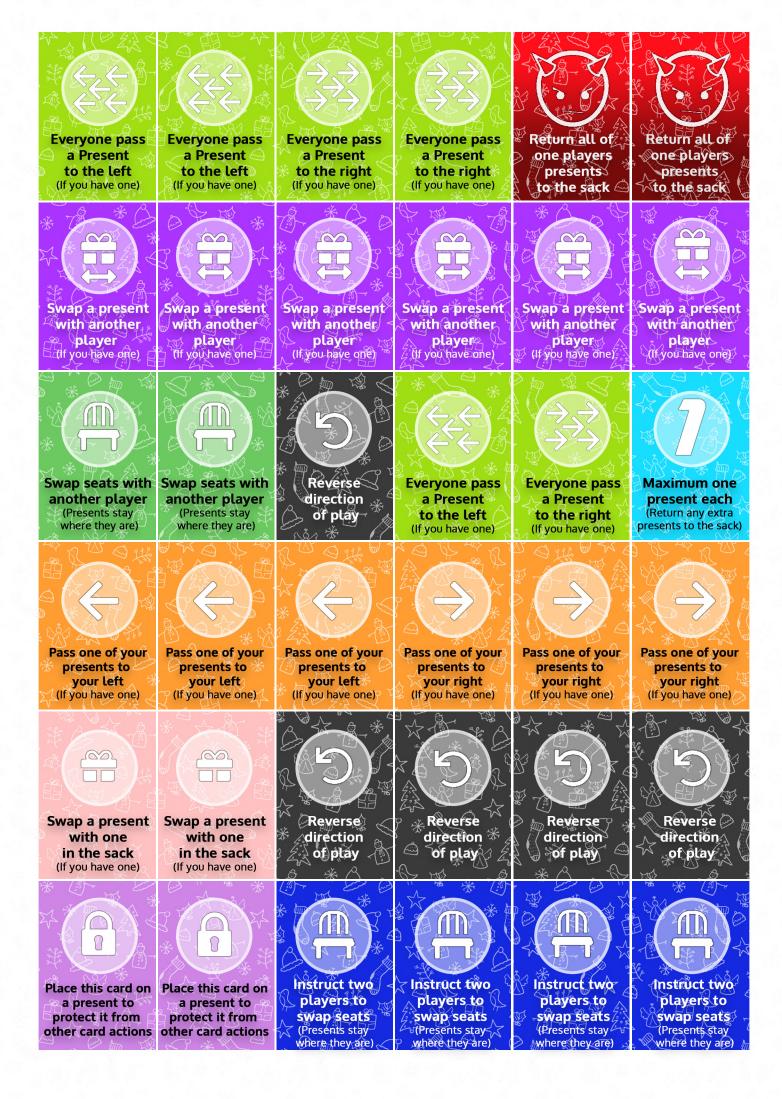
If you have a present place this card on a present of your choice to protect it from all action cards. It cannot be swapped, passed, etc.

If you are instructed to swap seats you cannot take your protected presents with you. They stay where they are.

* Return all of one players presents to the sack

Don't forget to return one Take a present from the sack card to the bag.





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