

The Rules of Re-Gifting

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While you sit there and shake your head, thinking "how tacky" just remember that re-gifting is common, a lot more common than you think. And in its own way makes good economic sense.

There are two ways to re-gift - one with class and style and yes, the other is just plain tacky. I suggest that if you really want to re-gift well class and style is the method you choose.

Rule No. 1 - Rewrap and remove any gift tags! Even if you think the gift wrapping is lovely, unwrap and check the contents. Then wrap in equally lovely new paper. If you really want to be a Cheapskate, carefully iron the original paper and use it to wrap other gifts. Check for gift tags inside and outside the wrapping and get rid of them.

Rule No. 2 - Keep your mouth shut. You don't need to explain how you came by the wonderful gift you are giving Aunt Sue.



Rule No. 3 - Only re-gift new items. Don't re-gift used items you've been given. By all means hand them on, just not as gifts. And don't re-gift items that are so old the store or manufacturer has gone out of business because that makes warranty calls really hard. And it's really, really tacky.

Rule No. 4. - And this really should be Rule No. 2 - Keep a record of what you re-gift and who you re-gift too. You don't want to re-gift that hideous whatever back to the person who gave it to - it's not a cute Christmas card going back and forth between families as a joke - this is a gift, so always know who gave it to you originally and never, ever give it back to them.

Rule No. 5 - Sell your unwanted gifts. Why not? You can then use the proceeds to buy brand new, never given before gifts and save yourself a lot of re-gifting stress.

So whether or not you choose to re-gift, or whether you have gifts sitting in the bottom of the linen cupboard and stuffed on the top shelf of the spare bedroom wardrobe, remember these rules and always, always re-gift with class and style.

