

SAMPLE PREVIEW CHAPTERS

SWAP n SHOP Party Exchange

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A Swap n Shop Party Exchange

is a party idea that everyone loves! Your friends will attend for sure.

All ladies love it as it is easy to host.

It is better than having a garage sale.

It has a flexible party theme.

But mostly it is just plain FUN!

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Party Concept

- ~ For those things that you buy and never use, and;
- ~ For those clothes that don't fit right, are brand new and sitting in the closet, and;
- ~ For the accessories that don't fit into your room remodel- or your lifestyle, and;
- ~ For the pairs and triplets of items you have forgotten in your drawers, and;
- ~ For the extra leather purses, wall key hooks, bedroom clocks, kitchen utensils, silk scarves, collectible dolls, wine racks, vases, picture frames, cowboy and cowgirl hats, picture frames and

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paintings, computer pads, fancy pen sets, quaint table lamps, garden rakes, hoes and shovels, horse bridles, bed sheets and blankets, dog leashes and collars, swim vests, pet food self feeders, colored pencil set, cat carry cases, macrame hangers, leather belts, CDs and DVDs, cameras, cellphone cases, stereos, brooms, dustpans, glass pitchers and bowls, trash bins, bags of beads, decorator tiles, sewing notions, scissors, cozy lap blankets, fancy pillows, bath rugs, yard pots, wind chimes, storage bins, sprinklers, bird houses, hummingbird feeders, electric handyman tools, fake or real jewelry, new slippers, tumblers and coasters, walkie talkies, and more, so much more.

~ For those things that you purchase or get as gifts and you have never used this party is for you. The concept is simple. Pull those new or barely used items out of the closets. Call your friends

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to do the same. Then get together and have a funfilled party exchange.



For anything and everything new or in decent shape there is another purpose. It's called a *Swap n Shop Party Exchange*. So start cleaning out your closets and make a box of goodies. Then when you put this idea into action—or someone invites you to a *Swap n Shop Party*—you are ready to go!

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This is much better than a white elephant party, because others will be bringing good stuff too - probably something you can actually use. It's much easier than having a garage sale. And since you may only have a few items it is more efficient. And, you will feel good knowing one of your friend's can use something you sort of cherished at one time, but never put to good use. Finally, it's just plain fun because your friends are there having a good time along with you.

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A Swap n Shop Party Exchange For Every Occasion

This party genre is versatile to fit the type of party theme you want to carry out. You can have a generic or specific party theme as described below.



For a group of horse friends put on a <u>Horse & Rider</u> party exchange. Apparel to outfit the equine and equestrian can be bits, bridles, saddle pads, leg

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wraps, bits, blankets, show clothes, riding helmets, halters, and more. Every horse person has tack gone unused and most long time enthusiasts have lots of horsey items just looking for a new home.



For the guys have a <u>Handyman Tool</u> exchange, or a <u>Garden Tool</u> theme. Most men have oodles of tools in their garages and most men love tools. Re-purpose those extra tools to give your friends a new flavor to their tool collection—and gain something back in return.

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Other Enticements & Ideas



Have party food? Why of course! Along with appetizers, or a potluck dinner, or a desert buffet be sure to include good beverages. Good wines, fruit smoothies, coffee? Yes! Whatever pleases your crowd. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Putting on a party can be a lot of preparation. Do the main dish and invite others to bring side dishes and desserts.

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Hand out numbers as people come in the door or have numbers handy for folks to pick up where they drop off their items. The numbers will dictate whose turn comes next. Of course as the host, you should be in the number one position since it is your party. It is suggested that you may want to hand the numbers out to people as they come in the door or have someone else do it. Why? Because it rewards early arrivals.

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How and where you set up for displaying everyone's goodies depends on what is being brought to the party. If they are small hand held items have tables or chairs handy to place them up high. You don't want people having to bend over to see the items. Make it easy so they can pick them off a table. Plus you don't want things to be accidentally stepped on either. If items are large then the floor is the perfect place for them. If you are having it out in the yard and don't have tables, just throw a tarp down. People will get the idea of where to look.

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Add Some Party Flair



Cut out numbers on colored paper with a decklededge scissors for fun. Or cut the numbers in shapes for the seasons and special occasions. If you are hosting around Valentine's day – cut out and number pink hearts. In October do orange numbered pumpkins.

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