



The Rules of Regifting Presents

Regifting or passing on as new a gift someone else gave you can be controversial only if you do not do it tactfully. Below are “rules” to regifting:



Do not announce you are regifting

If you announce or tell people you regift, friends and family will be wary of the gifts you give them. It is best to keep regifting completely to yourself.

Find a location for items you plan on regifting and label them carefully

Do not misplace gifts you plan to pass on to someone else. Stash them in a location away from other gifts or items you plan to return to stores.

Make sure you label them to avoid the heartbreak of back gifting — giving someone a gift they gave you. Take the time to write a detailed note of who and where this item originated and include it with the item -- or you will forget later.



Keep home-made and personalized gifts

Any gift made especially made for you or considered sentimental should never be regifted. Even if it is not the ideal gift, consider its sentimental value.

Re-wrap and keep it new

A regift must look brand-new. If the item looks opened, used, or damaged, you cannot regift. If it is a boxed gift, make sure the gift tag has not dropped inside the box. Take the time to re-wrap the gift instead of reusing the original wrapping.



The recipient and original gift-giver cannot be acquainted

Whoever you are gifting the item to cannot be in the same circle of friends or family with anyone who gave this to you. Your friends may mention the gift in casual conversation with one another, and you will end up hurting feelings.

Regifting gets a bad rap. If you decide to do this, make sure you do it with careful thought and consideration. Also, make sure it is an item your recipient will genuinely enjoy and appreciate; not just another item that lets you check-off a name from your list.



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