

HOW TO HOST A SUCCESSFUL KIDS CLOTHING SWAP

The makers of Green Works® products and Suzanne Agasi, the Founder of Clothing Swap, Inc. have teamed up to provide you with an easy, step by step guide on how to host your own Kids Clothing Swap at home!

Step 1 - Select a date.

- Based on your schedule and your family's schedule, select a date that best works for you.
- From there, decide if your swap will host both kids and adults – this will also help in determining the time of your swap (daytime vs. nighttime), the food, the activities, etc.

Step 2 - Declutter.

- Get the word out about your Clothing Swap house party sooner rather than later. This gives everyone ample time to clean out their closets and find items to swap.
- Make sure to invite your guests three-to-four weeks in advance. With your invites, give your guests the following instructions:

• What to bring:

- Kids clothes and accessories in all sizes that are wearable and freshly laundered. We recommend washing your clothes with Green Works™ Natural Laundry Detergent prior to the kids clothing swap.

Most swap-worthy items fall into 3 categories:

- NEW Clothes (with tags)
- NEARLY NEW Clothes (worn only once or twice)
- GENTLY USED Clothes (worn, but still in very good condition)

• What not to bring:

- Out of respect for fellow swappers and your community, please do not bring ripped, dirty, stained items, those with broken zippers, or otherwise unwearable.

- Note that all unclaimed items can be donated to a host selected non-profit or cause.

Step 3 - Prepare for your party.

- You can create a successful swap by designating different areas of your home for different articles of clothing or different children's clothes sizes. For example, your living room might be the location for all clothes for newborns, while the bedroom might have clothes for toddlers.
- Set up different tables clearly labeled with sizes or type of clothing to help your guests "organize" when they arrive.
- Mirrors, racks and hangers are helpful but not required.



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Step 4- Serve up some tasty treats.

- Check out the recipes party favor on this site full of easy & fun recipes for your guests!
- Light appetizers such as cheese and crackers, fruit, veggies and dip are also great.
- Depending upon the guests, hosts may want to have kid –friendly snacks on hand such as PB&J sand wiches and cheese sandwiches, veggies and ranch dip, etc.
- In addition, the host may ask for each guest to bring a dish – making the clothing swap house party more like a potluck event.

Step 5 – SWAP ‘TIL YOU DROP. Take home your favorites for FREE!

Step 6 - Help a local charity.

- If there are remaining clothes that have not been swapped, contact a local charity to see if they will take the clothes.
- For local charities, hosts can visit www.networkforgood.org and input their zip code for local charities. This site serves as a directory for local non-profits.
- In addition, hosts can also search www.volunteermatch.org for additional local charities.

Step 7 - Feel great!

Enjoy new-to-you items and relish the fact that you're being kind to your wallet, your closet, your community, and the environment!

