

# *Oven Mitt Christmas Game*

## ***STEP 1:***

Find a gift. Any gift. It doesn't even have to be a good gift. But it should absolutely not be a breakable gift.

## ***STEP 2:***

Wrap said gift so absurdly well that you'd cause a grown adult to shed tears of frustration. I'm talking scotch tape for days. When you think you've used enough tape, use more. The old box-inside-a-box gag works nicely here, too. The point is: wrap this thing like you don't ever want it opened.

## ***STEP 3:***

Along with the gift, place a pair of oven mitts, some dice, and a Santa hat on the table. These are your weapons.

## ***STEP 4:***

Choose someone to kick things off. Youngest, oldest, closest to the fridge—it doesn't matter. This person will roll the dice, trying for doubles, with the dice moving around the table clockwise until someone lands doubles. This lucky soul gets first crack at opening the present.

## ***STEP 5:***

If that lucky soul is you, don the oven mitts and Santa hat. The person to your immediate left (again, you're going clockwise, but moving counter-clockwise can't hurt anything) gets the dice.

## ***STEP 6:***

Start tearing into the present. Which, because of your bulky oven mitt-clad hands, is akin to awkwardly clubbing a box rather than productively pulling apart paper and tape. Meanwhile, the person next to you furiously rolls the dice, hoping for doubles. Once they hit that magical combo of matching faces, you must stop opening the gift. Seriously, stop. This game is nothing if not fair and orderly.

## ***STEP 7:***

Everything moves clockwise. You quickly relinquish the mitts and hat to the dice roller, and the dice roller gives the dice to the next person down. Once the handoff has been completed, the m  le begins anew.