



# YKZ SECRET SANTA 2025

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## What is Secret Santa?

Secret Santa is a yearly holiday event where participants are given a gift by an anonymous person, thus the name "Secret Santa." There are many ways to celebrate this tradition including the "White Elephant" version, where giftees are given impractical and humorous presents, but this event will be running with rules of the more traditional version: YKZ Secret Santa participants will be assigned giftees to make gifts for, and until the gifts are delivered, will remain their "Secret Santa."

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# Rules

1. Only fanfiction and fanart (both drawings and 3D rendered images) will be accepted as gifts at this time. For more detailed information on what is accepted or not, please see the FAQ section below.
2. All work must be *new* and created for your giftee specifically. You cannot give someone a fanart or fanfic you've already made. Furthermore, fics must have a minimum word count of 1.5k and art pieces must be lined and at least be flat colored.
3. This is a SFW Event! No gifts or requests for anything NSFW, please!
4. Failure to deliver a gift by the deadline and without letting the mod know will result in a permanent ban from all future YKZ Secret Santa events. You can request an extension of a few more days to finish your gift. For more information on extensions, please see the FAQ section below.
5. And lastly, be nice! Remember to thank the person who gave you a gift!

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## Schedule Walkthrough

*Signups Open: October 5th*

- Anyone who wishes to participate may begin signing up.

*Signups Close: October 31st*

- Forms will close and no more participants will be taken. If you are too late and still want to participate, you may contact the mod asking to be a backup artist.

*Assignments Sent Out: November 6th*

- Everyone who signed up will receive an email with all their giftee information, such as favorite characters, ships, etc. Participants may also begin to request a giftee swap should they need to for any reason.

*Check-In: December 1st*

- Mods will send out reminder emails and check on everyone's progress. This is when participants may start gauging if they are able to meet the deadline or drop out. This is also the *last day* participants may request to have their assigned giftee swapped.

*Assignments Due: December 23rd - Jan 1st*

- Everyone may begin sharing/posting their gifts between December 23rd to January 1st. This means so long as your giftee receives their present *within this time frame*, with January 1st as the *absolute latest* day to post, you're good to go!



# FAQ

## ***Do I have to be up to date on the Yakuza series to join?***

Nope! When you sign up you can mention which games you haven't played/finished so you don't accidentally get spoiled! This information will be relayed to your Secret Santa.

## ***What type of gifts can/can't be contributed to Secret Santa?***

Accepted gifts:

- Written work that you can upload to sites like AO3, tumblr, google drive, etc. for your assigned person to read.
- Traditional art (drawn, lined, and colored on paper, etc) provided you are able to scan the drawing or can take a CLEAR photo to present to your assigned person.
- Digital art (2D or 3D\*) where the entire image is created on a computer, tablet, etc.
  - 2d animations are accepted if they meet the lined, fully colored standards of other 2D art
  - Comics are accepted if there are at least 2 fully colored, lined panels and of decent effort. If you choose to create a comic, it must be of the same quality/effort as a regular piece, not necessarily the same style. (For example: [This is good!](#) [This is not.](#))
  - \*About 3D CG:
    - The finished product must be a still image, not an animation.
    - Works made using models/assets from the games are accepted. (for example: [like this](#))
    - Works made with assets made from scratch are also ok!

Gifts that will NOT be accepted:

- Physical goods, such as hand-crafted figures, clothes, accessories, baked items goods, etc, will unfortunately not be accepted due to the international scope and the event being open to underage fans. The sharing of personal information like home addresses is not something we feel comfortable taking on at this time.
- Image editing work such as gifs, character edits, art manipulation, etc.
- Photography/Cosplay.
- Art that does not meet standards of effort (shitposts, traced images, etc.)

- AI Generated content in any way, shape, or form

(Please understand that for a public and large scale event there is only so much we can accommodate. If you are still unsure about the type of gift you wish to make, just ask!)

***Can I get an extension if I can't post my gift on time?***

Yes. If you find yourself unable to meet the deadline due to unforeseen circumstances (we know it happens.), please let us know before the deadline so we can contact your Secret Santa so they know their gift will be a few days late. Please keep in mind the schedule, you have November 4th to January 1st. Use your time wisely.

***How do I send my giftee their present?***

You can either have the mod deliver your gift to your giftee or post it and tag them. If you post, please tag **@ykzsecretsanta** on Twitter and use the hashtag **#ykzsecret2025** so others can see the gift too! Also, if you wish to remain anonymous or don't have time to do it yourself, you may send the gift to us mods and we will make sure it gets to your giftee.

***(NEW) I'd like to give my gift anonymously. Can I do that?***

There are many reasons why you may want to give someone anonymously! Yes, this is okay. Please email the mod at [ykzsecret@gmail.com](mailto:ykzsecret@gmail.com) to deliver your work for your giftee.

***I have a question for the person I'm drawing/writing for, should I ask them?***

Please message the mods instead so we can ask them for you! That way, their gift can be as much of a surprise as possible.

***I have a Yakuza/RGG OC (Original Character)/ AU Version of a yakuza character. Could I request art for them from my Secret Santa?***

Yes! But if you are going to request RGG OC content, not only do you need to provide the mod references and descriptions through email at [ykzsecret@gmail.com](mailto:ykzsecret@gmail.com) to give to your gifter, you should also give your gifter other canon options in case they can't or don't want to go through with that request.

***How are matches made?***

The mod goes through the wish lists and matches by art mediums and by wish lists. For example, if two participants really love the pairing Akiyama Shun and Kiryu Kazuma and one wants 2d art and the other makes 2d art, they may be matched as a secret santa and their giftee because of their common interest and so on.

***What if I don't feel comfortable working on my giftee's request?***

You may ask for an assignment swap anytime between November 6th to Dec 1st. Just message us!

***I'm a "Minors DNI" account / I'm a "NSFW DNI" account, is that kept in mind during pairings?***

We only look at your sign up applications and art archives during assignments, so unless you explicitly say in your sign-up application that this is a hard boundary that should be considered in assignments, it may be overlooked. All art given in this event should be the same level of graphic as the Ryu Ga Gotoku Series (see "What is considered NSFW content"), so hopefully this shouldn't be a problem. If there are any issues regarding this topic during the event, don't hesitate to contact the mod for an assignment change!

***What is considered NSFW content?***

Sexual content or violence that is more graphic than what is depicted in the Ryu Ga Gotoku series. (You can show Shishido getting a knife through his hand, but you can't show Kanda getting his head cut off!) When creating your masterpiece for your giftee, please err on the side of caution when gauging how appropriate your gift is. Gifting pornographic or excessively gory content for the event could result in a ban from all future YKZ Secret Santa events if it is delivered under the name of the event without communication with the mod. The reason we have this rule is because this is an all-ages event, most people won't know their giftees very well and we don't want anyone made uncomfortable. If you are unsure about the appropriateness of your gift idea, feel free to contact the mod. If your gift wishlist requests NSFW content, the mod will either reach out asking for you to revise your wishlist to something within the guidelines or filter out that wish list item when handing it off to your Secret Santa.

***I missed the deadline to sign up! What can I do?***

If you contact the mod, you may be able to get a position as or put on standby to be a backup artist! If a secret Santa has to drop out of the event or does not deliver their gift at all, you can be assigned a giftee to swoop in and make a gift for, and depending how late in the event it is, you may receive a gift yourself if someone loses their giftee. Your deadlines are looser as a backup artist because you are volunteering to help out. Participants who already have a giftee may also volunteer to be a backup artist. If you are interested in being a backup artist, contact the mod and tell him your mediums, the games you've played, examples of your art, what you are okay with making and not okay with making, and what you would like if you were to receive a gift.

***I'm okay with making anything. Can I just put that in the preferences boxes in the google form?***

Sure you can, but historically the people who don't put their preferences down are the ones usually asking for reassessments. Everyone has their likes and dislikes, whether it be ships or whole games, and if you're looser with your preferences, you're more likely to be assigned giftees with niches that you may or may not like. If you're only halfway into Kiwami 2 but you said you'd be okay with giving anything anywhere in the series because you're mostly spoiled already, you may be frustrated if you're assigned a giftee that only wants art of Higashi from Judgement, so don't be afraid to put your preferences!

***I got my assignment! Should I start right away?***

You have a lot of time in between receiving your assignment on November 6th, check-in on December 1st, and the gifting period between December 23rd and January 1st. We recommend you get started a little before check-in so if we ask if we can swap you around before the final day for reassessments on the 1st, you don't have a WIP or final product to scrap. We do ask that you try to have your work completed before December 23rd, and if you do not believe you'll be ready by the end of the gifting period, please request an extension as early as possible.

***What kind of ships are allowed?***

As long as the ship is not of an adult and a child, it is in the clear for this event.

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### **More questions?**

Contact the event social media below or the mod directly.

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Twitter: [@ykzsecretsanta](https://twitter.com/ykzsecretsanta)

