

TRADE YOUR ATCS

You have a bunch of ATCs and you want to trade for someone else's art work...what to do now?

Time to look for either online groups to trade with or if you are lucky, a group nearby that can trade with you! Or would you be up for a fun roadtrip to a different state to attend an ATC trade event?

There are different types of trades such as **personal trades** where both parties choose to do equal trades such as a 1:1 or a 2:2. This means each party will trade the same amount of cards. It is your choice whether to accept uneven trades (such as you give two cards and receive one) but most people prefer a card for a card.

There are **blind trades** whether both parties won't know what they are trading for. If choosing to do these, it's best etiquette to give one of your best works. You wouldn't want someone else's 30 second throwaway card either right?.

Next type of trade are **themed group trades** and can take a bit of a longer process. Typically someone is in charge of the swap and will set the theme and guidelines for participants to follow. You'll be required to make a number of cards, could be up to the amount of people participating in that set swap. This allows you to get a card for each card you send in. So if the group has 7 members participating, you would make 6 cards (you being the 7th member), so that you will get back 6 different cards. If the group leader expects more than a handful of members, they will set a max amount of cards to make and you may get a random selection of that max amount of cards back. If done online, you would mail over your cards before a deadline, the host would sort the cards and send you back as many different cards as you send in.

Last type of card trade is called **P.I.F. or Pay it Forward Trades**. These are ones that could potential keep going on forever. It starts on a thread where the first person asks for a certain card to be made. Then someone will post that they will make that card and it send it to them, also adding what kind of card they would like to have made. Another person would then respond to them in the same manner, saying they will make the card and asking for a card they want. This is a form of blind trade as you won't really know what kind of card you'll actually be getting.

Take a look online to see what you find when you are ready, otherwise take a look at these reliable options below! (There is a location in Denver that has trades in person every month!)

Websites dedicated to ATCs such as ATCs for All - <http://www.atcsforall.com/index.php>

Facebook has a few groups dedicated to ATCs such as Denver Make & Trade ATCers- Artist Trading Cards -

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Denver-Make-Trade-ATCers-Artist-Trading-Cards/100063771782886/>

ATC Artist Trading Cards - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/487126207987067/>

Perhaps start a trading group in your circle? GO HAVE FUN!!