



## Welcome to Red Beans!

What a great place to create with our hundreds of patterns and fabric selections! We are so excited to have you showing this sweet new season. As we showcase Spring & Summer 2020, we thank you for sharing in the success of Red Beans children's clothing.

As a Red Beans Hostess, you will receive a trunk of precious clothes to show at a party at your home. Each trunk includes sample pieces of the entire collection styled with fun fabrics and playful patterns that you get to mix & match within the line - custom creating a unique Red Beans look! You will display the trunk sample pieces in your home to take orders for custom clothing. Based on your sales, you will receive hostess credits to use to custom create and purchase clothing. As a hostess, you will also receive one free shipping on an order for this season.

Please refer to our [Hostess Resource Documents](#) and review the important information below for hosting your show:

## Responsibilities of a Hostess

- **A signature is required upon trunk delivery. You will need to sign in order for UPS to leave the trunk at your home!** Please make arrangements to be home or have someone at your home to sign for your trunk.
- **You will need to print a UPS LABEL that will be emailed to you to tape onto the top of the trunk prior to its departure!**
- Invite friends, family, and anyone else you would like, to attend your show. We recommend hosting your show over three days, but a minimum of two days is required. We find that hostesses have better shows when there are a few time & date opportunities to select from. We also ask that you show a minimum of 4 hours at a time, for example 10 am – 2pm.
- When the trunk arrives, we ask that you review the clothes to become knowledgeable about the collection prior to your show. If you have any questions or are unclear about anything, contact Red Beans and we will gladly assist you.
- You will set up and present the clothing at your home. Each article of clothing comes to you on a wood hanger and pieces are bundled and sleeved in plastic bags.
- We ask that you take special care of the clothing. Clothing should be in a smoke free environment at all times. Each trunk will visit many parties and we want the pieces to look as great at the last party as they do at the first.

## Trunk Show Set Up

- Your trunk is full of spectacular pieces presented on beautiful wood hangers ready to be displayed. With shipping, some garments may require a quick steam or light ironing before your show.
- Use your imagination to display the clothes in a manner that shows them off well! Use clothing racks or a simple clothesline to hang garments and display a full front view. You can purchase inexpensive clothesline

at stores like Wal-Mart or Target. Pieces draped on a sofa or chair do not show as well, so please try to hang. Your sales will greatly benefit from a fantastic display.

- Ready, Set, Show...and SHARE! Use the marketing materials provided under [Hostess Resource Documents](#) for text messaging, email, and to promote your show on social media. Use Instagram, Snapchat, and create a Facebook Event to invite friends and share your show details with friends. Don't forget to tag us with your show pics on Facebook & Instagram!

## Trunk Clothing Samples

We are pleased to offer you and your customers a chance for savings on the trunk clothes! Here is how the savings work...

- Each individual, be it a Hostess, or a customer can purchase online samples that are currently traveling within the trunks. These trunk pieces are at a 20% discount and will become yours once the trunk shows are over for the season and your complete order is ready to ship, approximately 8-10 weeks from ordering. If sample items are the only items on an order, those items will be shipped out immediately after all of the trunks have traveled and have returned to us.
- Please note the price of each sample piece online has been reduced by 20%. Standard shipping and taxes apply to the discounted price.

## Entering Orders and Show Completion

- As a hostess, you will enter all customer orders directly into the Red Beans website: [redbeansonline.com](http://redbeansonline.com), by the **Wednesday after your show**. Use the pink working order form included in your trunk to take customer orders during the show. This pink worksheet is your record of orders in case your customer contacts you with questions. PLEASE KEEP AND DO NOT MAIL BACK TO RED BEANS. Each customer will receive an email confirmation for each order you place. Detailed directions for taking orders and entering online are available under resource documents: [redbeansonline.com/pages/hostess-resources](http://redbeansonline.com/pages/hostess-resources)
- You must complete a Hostess Tally Form and/or a consultant Tally Form upon completion of your show(s). This is a summary sheet of all orders used to determine your incentive amount. Email your completed form to: [glynes@redbeansonline.com](mailto:glynes@redbeansonline.com) within (3) days of your show ending. Once received, Glynes will email you a code to use when placing your personal order to apply your earned hostess credit.
- If your trunk box is in poor shape, please let us know when it arrives to you and we will have a new box sent. As you pack the trunk, please make sure to account for ALL pieces to make sure that the next hostess has all samples for the season. If showing another line at the same time as Red Beans, be extremely careful not to mix other clothing lines in the trunk.
- Refer to the Trunk Departure information under [Hostess Resources](#) for step-by-step instructions on how to repack your trunk to have it ready for pick-up on your scheduled day.

## Shipping Timeframe

Red Beans states an 8-10 week (approximate) delivery timeframe based on the show date attended. Occasionally, we experience a delay due to a fabric backorder. We cannot promise any items for a specific date or holiday.

Please note, as the hostess, you must enter the order online by the Wednesday following the show for an (approximate) ship date of 8-10 weeks for delivery to the customer.

## Hostess Incentives

- For total sales of \$500.01+, you will receive 15% of the subtotal for show sales to be used toward your personal clothing order and free shipping on one (1) order.
- For total sales of \$0-\$500.00, you will receive 30% off one (1) garment and free shipping on one (1) order.
- Multiple hostesses will split the 15% show subtotal hostess credit as they choose and receive free shipping on one (1) order.
- Hostesses do not count their personal order toward their show credit total.
- Hostesses may only use earned credit during the current season. No credits roll into the next season. If credits are left over after the hostess' personal order is placed, the hostess may choose to receive a check for half cash of remaining balance.
- Encourage your customers to place orders online throughout the season. You can receive hostess credit for these orders as well. To receive credit, the customer must enter your full name in discount area at check out for you to receive credit for their order. If they don't include your name, you will not be able to receive credit on their purchase.

## Additional Hostess Information, Tips, and Reminders ...in no certain order!

- You must sign for your trunk, so please be aware of this and be on the lookout for your trunks arrival. It will no longer be left via UPS without a signature.
- Your trunk will arrive to you on a Wednesday; occasionally you may receive it on Tuesday depending on where the trunk is coming from and your location. UPS often delivers during late afternoon hours and may deliver up to 8:00 PM. If you do not receive your trunk on your scheduled Wednesday, please notify us immediately. UPS has a great track record but we have "lost" trunks in route before. We ask that you be understanding and flexible if this happens- let's all keep our fingers crossed!
- All collection pieces can be made in any of the fabrics offered for the season. Note that White Broadcloth is cotton and 10% polyester and is best suited for shirts and lining.
- All fabrics are 100% cotton (excluding Broadcloth) and can be washed and dried. As with all cottons, the customer will need to iron the pieces with a warm iron to have them look their best!

- Applique Shirts will shrink slightly if they are put in the dryer. Try on for best fit and we suggest ordering up a size if planning to dry in the dryer.
- There are **no returns on sample items**, other than if defective on our part. Sample items have traveled and may not be in 100% perfect condition upon arrival to customer.
- Please make sure you inform your customers that there will be a **20% restock charge on all returned or exchanged items**. Encourage them to bring a current item to compare sizing, or better yet, bring their child!
- Tax is only applicable if the customer resides in the state of Louisiana.
- If you take in cash- you may keep the cash and you write a check to Red Beans. **You must write separate checks for each customer's order. You may not write one check for all of the cash orders you have received. We will return your check and have you write separate checks if you send one check and your orders will be delayed.**
- Encourage your friends to visit [redbeansonline.com](http://redbeansonline.com) prior to attending your show. Previewing the collection online will make shopping easier and quicker.
- Try to leave all of the clothes on the wood hangers they come on. The clothing displays much better on the hangers.
- It is a nice gesture to have a cold drink available for your guests and a light snack for those long shoppers. Slice & bake chocolate chip cookies make the house smell good and little ones will be happy while mom shops! Cute to put your pens at the order/check-out table in a clear glass with dried red beans in the bottom holding the pens.
- Some hostesses like to place balloons in their front yard to help customers locate your show.
- If there is more than one hostess in a particular city/town/area, the hostess with the highest show sales from the previous season will receive first choice of show dates.
- Hostesses are responsible for shipping cost of \$100 to ship the trunk to them for their show, if the total show sales are less than \$500. Red Beans requires a current Credit Card on file at the beginning of each season, in order to charge card if needed.
- Show sales earning \$0 will be assessed a \$150 charge in addition to the \$100 charge for shipping the trunk.
- Red Beans expects all guidelines to be followed and has the right to forfeit your incentives for non-compliance.

If you have any questions or concerns at any point before, during or after your party please do not hesitate to email, call or text (quickest way to communicate) Glynes or Mollie.

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Thank you for hosting a Red Beans trunk show. Open your doors and have fun! We hope your show is a huge success!