

# c3stoc at 39c3

## Sticker exchange points

Hello! You'd like to run a sticker box at 39c3, yay!

Before saying, "Let's do this," please carefully read this briefing to ensure that c3stoc runs smoothly for everyone involved. It's important to us that everyone knows what to expect and understands how to avoid misunderstandings. Also, we'd like to avoid a few issues this year.

### Your job:

- **Bring a box** (or find one at the event).
- Place the box in a visible, easy-to-find spot so that everyone can easily find the sticker exchange.
- At the end of the event, **clean up and pack the leftover stickers to distribute in your local community**. You can also share them with other assemblies if they want some. Just **don't abandon the leftover stickers**. Some assemblies left a huge mess of stickers in the location a couple of years ago, and Angels had to clean up after them. That's not cool.

### Our job:

- We'll bring a **sticker exchange sign** on Day 0 (Day 1 if you don't arrive early).
- We'll give you a starter pack of stickers to begin filling your box.
- You will get regular **Chaos Post sticker deliveries** directly to your sticker box.
- If there are official event stickers (usually yes), we'll bring some to your box.

If you have read this far and would like to participate in a sticker exchange at your assembly, please send us a direct message on Mastodon or in an email stating that you will bring (or find) a box and take responsibility for removal of the stickers from your exchange at the end of the event. Please also provide the name of your assembly. Any information about where your assembly will be located (in which cluster, where it was last time and if you have any indication it will be at the same spot) is also super useful.



# STICKER BOX FAQ

## ***What will I have to do during Congress?***

Not much! Sticker exchange points generally run themselves during the event, but here are a few basic things you can keep an eye on:

- Pick up stickers that are on the floor if people get messy while digging through them.
- If a sticker is broken, it can stick to others and create a ball of unusable stickers. Removing those will help prevent destroying even more stickers.
- Make sure your sticker box isn't hidden behind other cool installations during the event. The box isn't just for your assembly; it should be easy for everyone to find.

## ***What about organizing the sticker exchange neatly?***

That's the eternal question when it comes to sticker boxes. To be honest, we prefer "messy" sticker boxes that you can dig through to find treasures" — so much more fun!

But that's absolutely a matter of taste, and we understand that others prefer organized boxes. If you want to spend time sorting your sticker exchange, go for it! We just ask that you don't take all the cool stickers for yourselves while sorting. Remember, the exchanges are for everyone; you're just hosting one.

## ***What's a good sticker box?***

Let's keep it simple: Any box can be a sticker box. You probably brought some items in a box for assembly, and you can use that one. If you have a choice, take a box that's

- made of plastic, so the stickers won't get lost between the flaps
- wide enough to make digging easy
- not too deep, for the same reason.

Fancy backlit boxes may sound like a good idea, but they're not. You can't see the stickers properly when the light is behind them. A light source from above or the side is much better.

## ***Why can't you pack and store the leftover stickers?***

We're just two random humans who are leaving Hamburg by train, and we can't carry anything other than our own belongings. Many groups bring cars and lots of supplies to the Congress, so please take some stickers with you.

As a bonus, this approach provides local hackerspaces and communities with stickers to share with people who can't attend congress.

If you want to participate in a sticker exchange but don't have a car to transport the leftover stickers, you'll have to get creative. Ask a friend to transport them for you, team up with a neighboring assembly that's transporting materials anyway, and share a sticker box with them. Pack smaller bags with the remaining stickers and share them with other assemblies. Just make sure to take responsibility for cleaning up your sticker box after the event!.