

Title: The GameStop NFT/Crypto Wallet Fail!

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(Disclaimer: this post is just so others can have a chuckle at the situation, I'm not shitting on the platform, though it does need a lot of work)

So I thought I'd have a look into setting up a wallet for all of the GME NFTs that I see being given away and sold on the GameStop marketplace. You know, get in on the activity and support the development of their platform.

I looked around a few GameStop forums and saw that coinbase was suggested as a simple go-to for Crypto/NFT trading. (though I discovered after the fact that coin base seems to be hated by the community). Either way, I recovered my old random coinbase account from back in the day. I had a few dollars sitting in the coinbase account from around 2 years ago, so I did some more digging and found the NFT wallet guides on Superstonk, followed those to setup a GameStop wallet.

Turns out, the only GME wallet support for Android users are via Chrome extension on four crappy third-party browser apps. No direct wallet app which is a bit annoying.

Anyway, I downloaded the one recommended on most of the guides, Kiwi Browser, and setup a wallet. (easy enough, but the browser is shite and shows everything in desktop view even in mobile mode, also crashes and needs to be reloaded regularly). Having a whole other browser app, unstable as hell, from god knows where to manage a currency wallet already seems like a bad start.

After setting up an account, the next step is to deposit funds to activate. So I transferred the random \$8 I had in the old coinbase, that cost around 1/4 of the total value. Now we're down to about \$5-6 bucks. I follow the recommended steps to transfer from L1 Ethereum to L2 Loopring which is the platform used for GameStop's NFTs. It costs \$2.50 to transfer, half of the remaining balance. No problem right, I have the other two bucks there, I'll send it over and activate the L2 account at least to start picking up a few giveaways here and there until I deposit more into the account..

FAT NOPE! Transfer failed.. Oh but we're keeping the transfer fee. There's now \$2 sat in the L1 ETH wallet that I can't use for jack as its less than the cost to activate the L2 or transfer anywhere. Needless to say, I happily cut my losses and uninstalled the apps related to this little adventure after having a little chuckle. I feel sorry for anyone trying to seriously set this up and depositing their own money.

TL;DR: I've discovered the second fastest way to burn money other than setting it on fire ;3 Keen to hear anyone else's experience with setting up a GameStop Wallet for NFTs