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# Any trick to watch out for Chiitoitsu/7 Pairs?

Riichi

I know it's quite uncommon, but when it does happen, I get ronned most of the time, and they can be very expensive. Is there some sort of discard sequence I need to look out for?

Also, tricks for trying to assemble Chiitoitsu? Is it just mostly luck until I get 5 pairs and try to wait with Honor/Tiles closer to terminal/Genbutsu? (I usually just get one by accident, somehow.)

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I don't think it's really possible to defend against this. But to get one is to discard singletons that others have discarded first. This is at the same time pretty defensive and efficient.

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should be somewhat rare to actually deal into it

I'd say chiitoitsu is a hand that either has a really early riichi or they chance into it while defending

In the former case you will prioritize throwing safe tiles anyways as there will be very little information and in the latter case it will be better to be the one applying pressure or full folding since the odds of winning chiitoitsu are quite low

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People going for chiitoe start discarding inner tiles (456) before outer tiles in the same suits. (Not always from the very beginning because the chiitoe decision is often not made on the first few turns.) They often match their discards to what other players are discarding. They may slow down to think about every discard because they're counting visible tiles. In person, they may be looking all over the discards more than usual.

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I watched a video by Tsuchida Koushou, a pro player and chiitoitsu lover, about when to aim for it and some strategies. I think he said that when you have suji pairs (e.g. 1s1s4s4s) in your haipai, especially with more pairs, that's when you can go for it. If you decide to go for it early, holding terminals and 2/8 is generally good, as are honor tiles. He says, keep 1/9, 2/8, and honor tiles until round 7 unless more than one have been cut in the river. Specifically, honor tiles with one discarded in the river is a pretty good tile I think because people are less likely to be holding them so you have a slightly higher chance of pulling it. 2 discarded honors can also be good since they might become a hell wait that people will discard even if you riichi. If you decide for chiitoitsu early, discarding 3-7 early, especially when you see others discarded, can be a good strategy because if you don't get to tenpai you'll have safer honor and terminal tiles in your hand making it easy to drop. (This also makes it easier to tell when someone might have chiitoitsu is when they discard central tiles early. Especially if they discard central tiles before dropping a terminal to call riichi, 7 pairs might be a possibility) Usually going for 7 pairs is something you do when your hand isn't really good otherwise, but you have like 3, 4, or 5 pairs early on. That way, it's usually pretty defensive but if you get lucky you can riichi or steal a win with a damaten.

<https://youtu.be/s0BhEfshzol?si=SgXP2zVgL3UJaGRh>

Here is the video I was talking about, but be warned it's in Japanese so it might not be that helpful.

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