

Deal 1
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 3
♥ 10 8 6 5 2
♦ 10 2
♣ J 10 6 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ J 10 8 6
♥ K Q 4
♦ A 7
♣ A 9 8 5

West North East South

13
1 12
14

Pass 2 ♦
Pass 4 ♠
Pass

4 ♠ by South

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You'd really like to have 4-card support for both Majors when you double a Minor. But it's not a requirement. So you double and hear partner respond 2 ♦. East then chips in with 3 ♦. What now?

Don't let East's bid bother you, he's just trying to push the envelope. You have a good hand and partner's bid shows 12+ points and is forcing to game. Now you have to find the right game, and the best way to start is by showing a 4-card Major suit. You bid 3 ♠.

That was what partner needed to hear, he bids 4 ♠.

Deal 2

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K 10 7 4 3 2	♦ A J 9	♥ 2	♣ Q J 3
♦ 2	♣ Q J 3	♦ 2	♣ Q J 3

13
11 7
9

♠ J ♠ A Q 8 6
 ♥ 8 6 5 ♥ 7 4 2
 ♦ K Q J 7 6 ♦ 9 8 3
 ♣ 10 8 4 2 ♣ K 7 5

West North East South

1 ♠	Dbl	Pass	1 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1 NT by South

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

The minimum requirements for a Takeout Double are 12 points, no more than two of Opener's suit, and at least 3-cards in the other suits. You just squeak by so you double. Partner says 1 NT and it is your bid again.

With no suit fit you can't even count a point for your doubleton so you have just 13 HCP. Partner's bid shows 8-T so you waste no time in passing. Don't worry about the ♠s, partner says he has them covered.

Deal 3

West Deals	♠ 9 5 ♥ K Q 10 3 ♦ A J 10 5 ♣ A K 6		
None Vul			
♠ K J 10 7 4 2	♠ 3		
♥ A J 9	♥ 8 6 5		
♦ K 9 7	♦ 6 4 2		
♣ 3	♣ J 10 9 8 4 2		
	♠ A Q 8 6		
	♥ 7 4 2		
17 12 1 10	♦ Q 8 3		
	♣ Q 7 5		
West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Dbl	Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

Partner is showing you 8-10 points and no 4-card ♥ suit.

With no Major fit you are happy to play in notrump, knowing partner can stop their suit. Partner's 8-10 points added to your 17 is a probable game so you bid 3 NT.

Deal 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 10
 ♥ J 8 5 4
 ♦ J 10 6 3 2
 ♣ J 3

5 7
16

♠ 7 6 4 3

♥ 9 6 2
 ♦ 9 4

♣ A K 8 6

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J 9 5 2
 ♥ —
 ♦ K Q 8
 ♣ Q 10 7 5 2

♠ K 8

♥ A K Q 10 7 3
 ♦ A 7 5

♣ 9 4

West *North* *East* *South*

Pass 2 ♣ Pass 2 ♥

Pass 4 ♥ Pass Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You have 16 HCP and two more points for the fifth and sixth ♥s. That is too strong for a simple overcall. Instead you double. Partner responds 2 ♣. What do you bid?

You bid 2 ♥, describing your hand as a 1-suited hand, too strong to merely overcall. Partner bids the ♥ game and you pass.

Deal 5

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 10 6 3
 ♥ 10 8 6
 ♦ 6
 ♣ K J 10 5



♠ 7 4
 ♥ J 5
 ♦ K 8 7 3 2
 ♣ Q 7 6 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	Dbl	1 ♣	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	2 ♦
2 ♦ by South			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You should double. This is a special case of the Takeout Double, where the opponents have already bid two suits before it gets to you. Since they apparently have at least 20 points, you should have a solid hand with at least 4-4 in the two unbid suits. A hand just like this one.

Partner bids 2 ♦. What do you say next?

Just pass. This is obviously a fight for the partscore and you have the advantage because you have found a fit. However, you suspect partner is quite weak.