

**Board 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 8 2  
♥ A 7 3  
♦ A T 6 4  
♣ A 6 3

♠ A 4

♥ K J 9 8

♦ 9 8 7 2

♣ K Q 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q J T 6 5  
♥ 5 4  
♦ K Q 3  
♣ T 9 2

♠ K 7 3  
♥ Q T 6 2  
♦ J 5  
♣ J 8 7 4

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

2♥ by North

**Baker Minor 1**

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would say, then BID above.

With 13 points you will open. You cannot bid 1♥ with only 4 of them, so you say 1♦. Partner responds 1♥ and it is your bid again.

Partner's response is forcing. He might have anywhere from 6 points to about 17. With a minimum opener and 4-card support for his Major suit you bid 2♥. Partner passes.

**Board 2**

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ K T 4

♥ A 5 3 2

♦ 8 7

♣ K T 4 3

♠ A Q J 5

♥ K J 4

♦ K T 5 3

♣ 7 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 8 3

♥ T 8 7

♦ A Q 6 4

♣ J 8 5

♠ 7 6 2

♥ Q 9 6

♦ J 9 2

♣ A Q 9 6

West      North      East      South

1♦      Pass      1NT

All Pass

1 NT by South

So you pass and hope for the best.

**Baker Minor 2**

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

You are not strong enough to open 1NT, but too strong to pass. You bid 1♦. Partner responds 1NT. What do you say next?

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With that small doubleton in ♣s it is very tempting to rescue partner from 1NT by bidding 2♠. There are three good reasons why you don't. First, bidding 1♦ followed by 2♠ is a REVERSE, which shows a strong hand, perhaps 16-17 points or more. Second, and even more important, partner's 1NT bid DENIES a 4-card Major suit. And third, partner probably has something in ♣s since he has no 4-card Major and also didn't feel like supporting your ♦s.

**Board 3**

North Deals

E-W Vul

♠ J 4 2

♥ 9

♦ A Q T 9 6 4 2

♣ J 9

♠ A K 9 7

♥ A Q J 5

♦ 5

♣ A 8 6 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q T 8
♥ T 6 4 3
♦ K J
♣ T 7 3 2

♠ 6 5 3

♥ K 8 7 2

♦ 8 7 3

♣ K Q 5

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

4♥ by North

## Baker Minor 3

You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

The ♥ and ♠ suits look really good, but neither of them are 5 cards, so you open 1♣. Partner responds 1♥. What is your next bid?

Partner's bid shows 6-10 points and at least 4 ♥s. Since you now know there is an 8-card Major suit fit you revalue your hand, adding 2 more points for the singleton ♦.

That gives you 20 points; add partner's 6-T and you have enough for game. She who knows, goes, so you bid 4♥.

**Board 4**

North Deals

Both Vul

♠ J  
♥ K T 9 3  
♦ J 9 8 6  
♣ K J 7 4

♠ A T 9 7

♥ 7 5

♦ A K

♣ A T 8 3 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ Q 3 2  
♥ Q J 4 2  
♦ Q T 5 3  
♣ Q 6

♠ K 8 6 5 4  
♥ A 8 6  
♦ 7 4 2  
♣ 9 5

West	North	East	South
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass			

4 ♠ by South

**Baker Minor 4**  
You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

You have the right strength but the wrong distribution to open 1NT. So you bid 1♣. Partner responds 1♠. What do you say next?

With partner's ♠ bid giving you a fit, your hand revalues to 18 points. If partner has only 6 or 7 points there is not enough for game, but if he has more than that then you should bid game.

When you are in-between like this you just invite. So you jump to 3♠. This tells partner to bid game if he has more than the minimum for his bid. He has 9 revalued points, so he bids 4♠.

**Board 5**

North Deals

N-S Vul

♠ A 6 5 2  
♥ 8 4 2  
♦ J 8 3 2  
♣ 8 5

♠ K J T 8

♥ Q J 9 6

♦ A 6 5

♣ K 9

N  
W E  
S

♠ 9 4  
♥ A 7 5  
♦ Q 9 7  
♣ J 7 6 4 3

♠ Q 7 3  
♥ K T 3  
♦ K T 4  
♣ A Q T 2

West	North	East	South
	1♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

3NT by North

**Baker Minor 5**  
You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

This is the one situation when you open a 3-card ♦ suit; two 4-card Majors, three ♦s and two ♣s, but not enough strength to open 1NT.

Partner responds 2NT. What do you bid?

Partner's bid shows 13-16 points, balanced. And most importantly, it denies holding a 4-card Major suit. So you do not consider bidding either your ♥s or ♠s, but just bid 3NT.