

Board 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 5 3

♥ 9 4 2

♦ K Q 2

♣ J 7 6 5

♠ A K Q 4 2

♥ J T 7 6

♦ 7 5

♣ 9 3



♠ J 9

♥ A 8 3

♦ J T 9 3

♣ Q 8 4 2

♠ T 8 6

♥ K Q 5

♦ A 8 6 4

♣ A K T

West	North	East	South
			1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠

All Pass

4 ♠ by South

Baker Stayman 9

South opens 1NT. What do you respond?

Yes, this is the same hand as Deal 8. Again you bid 2♣. This time partner says 2♦.

You need to describe your hand clearly to partner with this bid. You want to show a game-forcing hand (11 points or more) with 4 ♥s and 5 ♠s. You do that by now jumping to 3♠.

If partner had just 2 ♠s he would have bid 3NT. Since he has 3 ♠s he bids 4♠.

Board 2

East Deals
N-S Vul
 ♠ K T 4 2
 ♥ A Q T 9 6 3
 ♦ -
 ♣ 8 7 4

♠ 8 6
 ♥ 7 4 2
 ♦ A J 9
 ♣ K J T 6 2

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

West	North	East	South
		1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

4 ♠ by West

Baker Stayman 10

Even when you hold a 6-card Major, if you have 4 cards in the other Major you use Stayman. Partner answers 2♠. What do you bid?

You've found an 8-card Major fit and you know there are enough points for game. So you bid 4♠.

Yes, but you already knew you had an 8-card ♥ fit since partner's 1NT promised at least 2 ♥s. In fact, you could play game in either Major. However, it is often better to play in a 4-4 fit rather than a 5-3 or 6-2. This hand shows why. Played in ♥s you will make exactly T tricks with any opening lead. Played in ♠s you will again make T tricks when the defenders start with their 3 ♣ winners. If they start with anything else you are very likely to make 1 or 2 overtricks by discarding dummy losers on your ♥ suit.

Board 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 7 6 5
♥ 8 5
♦ A 9 5 2
♣ A J 9

♠ A Q J

♥ K J

♦ Q 7 6 4

♣ Q 6 5 3

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♠ 9 3
♥ 7 4 2
♦ K J T 8 3
♣ K T 2

♠ K T 4 2
♥ A Q T 9 6 3
♦ -
♣ 8 7 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
All Pass	2♦	Pass	4♥

4♥ by South

Baker Stayman 11

This is the follow-up to Deal T. North opens 1NT.

What do you respond?

Just like the previous deal with a 4-card Major you use Stayman. This time partner says 2♦. Your turn again.

With partner showing no 4-card Major the bidding takes a turn. With your 6 ♥s you are sure of an 8-card fit in the suit. With 11 points you must be sure of reaching game. So you bid 4♥.

In this case the strong hand does not become declarer, but the contract is the right one anyway.

Board 4

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ K T 4 2

♥ A 3

♦ Q J 9 5

♣ K Q 7

♠ A J 5

♥ J T 6

♦ K 8 2

♣ J 9 6 3



♠ Q 9 7 6
♥ 9 8 5 2
♦ A T
♣ T 5 4

West North East South

1NT

Pass

2♣

Pass

2♠

Pass

2NT

All Pass

2NT by East

Baker Stayman 12

You open 1NT and partner responds 2♣. What do you bid?

Partner has commanded you to bid a 4-card Major if you have one. You have one, so you bid 2♠. Partner now says 2NT. What do you bid?

Partner evidently has 4 ♥s. He also evidently has about 9 points since he is INVITING you to bid 3NT. With your minimum 15 points you decline the invitation by passing.