



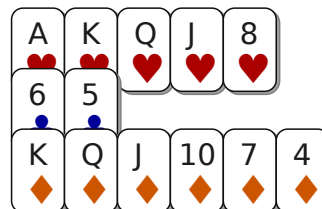
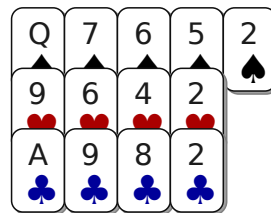
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This play consists of forcing Opp to play an honor, then ruffing. In this way, one of your lower ranking honors becomes a leading card.

Example

You're South, Declarer of a ♥ contract.



Play the King ♦. If Opponent covers with the Ace, ruff from dummy and 3 ♦ tricks are on a plate. If West plays a low card, don't ruff but sluff one of dummy's losers. Repeat play until East covers.

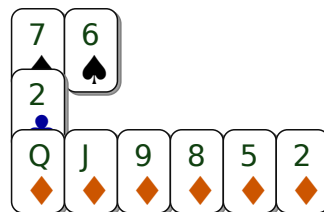
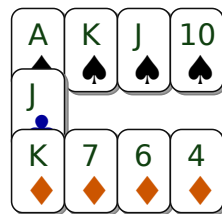


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Example : You are in South's seat playing a 5 ♦ contract. You've already lost the first 2 ♥ tricks. How are you going to play ♠ ?

Don't forget E opened 1 ♠ ! Will you finesse and play a low card to the Jack ♠ ? Of course not ! This would be a losing proposition.

S	W	N	E
			1 ♠
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠	3 ♥
4 ♦	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		



Exercise Q3911 You are going to play a ruffing finesse. After having played the King ♠ , next up is the Jack ♠ . If East covers, you ruff, if not you "sluff" a low ♣ . If the Queen is in East, then contract is successful, if the Queen is in W you are -1. A direct finesse to the Jack is likely to make your contract go down 2. (♠ and ♣ trick)