



Bids on 2NT openings

responses to 2NT openings

On a 2NT opening, the Opener promises exactly 20-21HCP and a regular hand. Sometimes, it's possible to have a 5 card major. Responder passes with less than 4HCP. With +4HCP Responder's bids are :

- 3♣ with at least one major with 3 or 4 cards : with only 3 cards in a major, you need an irregular hand (void or singleton)
- Transfer 5 cards in a major or 6 in a minor: Opener only rectifies if he has a 3 card support
- 3NT natural, no 3 card major and support to play Game.
- 4♣ two-suiter minors and Game forcing
- 4♦ two-suiter majors and Game forcing

S	W	N	E
		2 NT	Pass
3 ♣			

K	8	7	K	J	6	8	9	8	7	6	5	2
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problem E5987 2♣ Puppet Stayman With 3 cards in a major and an irregular hand, use Puppet Stayman to find a major fit.

S	W	N	E
		2 NT	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥			

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

Problem E5990 3♦ This is a Texas bid meaning 5 ♥ cards.



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- 3♦ 4 cards in one or both majors
- 3♥ 5♥ cards
- 3♠ 5♠ cards
- 3NT No 4 card major

S	W	N	E
2 NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠			

A♠	Q♠	10♠	9♠	6♠	A♥	10♥	K♣	Q♣	J♣	K♦	J♦	10♦
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Problem E5993 ♠ Showing a 5 card major : team has a fit.

K♠	8♠	3♠	2♠	K♥	8♥	5♥	8♣	7♣	8♦	6♦	5♦	2♦
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S	W	N	E
2 NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠			

A♠	Q♠	J♠	9♠	A♥	10♥	2♥	K♣	Q♣	J♣	K♦	J♦	10♦
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Problem E5994 3♦ Showing one or both majors with 4 cards, therefore denying a 5 card major



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Responder's 2nd bid after Opener's 3♦ bid.

- 3♥ - 4♠ cards (reverse bid so that Opener is Declarer)
- 3♠ - 4♥ cards
- 3NT - no 4 card major
- 4♣ - both majors with 4 cards

S	W	N	E
		2 NT	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♠			

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

Problem E5992 3♠ Showing 4♥ cards.



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Responder's 2nd bid after Opener's 3♥ or 3♠ 2nd bid.

- 4♥ or 4♠ fitted no slam ambition
- 3♠, 4♣, 4♦ or 4♥ fitted and control
- 3NT not fitted

Responder's 2nd bid after Opener's 3NT bid.

- 4♣ 6 cards in suit - slam try
- 4♦ 6 cards in suit - slam try

S	W	N	E
		2 NT	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥			

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

Problem E5996 4♥ Slam not possible, Responder signs off with Game.