



Using the Woolsey convention, the main overcalls after a 1NT opening are:

- 2 clubs (Landy convention) with the majors at least 5-4
- 2 diamonds a suit normally with 6 cards
- 2NT calling for the minors with preferably 6-5 (quite rare)
- 2 ♥ or 2♠ with a 5 card major and a minor 4th
- Double showing a long minor and a major of at least 4 cards

Don't forget to check who is vulnerable and that your distribution is more important than your HCP. Your honors should be concentrated in the suits signaled.



Problem E5477 PASS.. with your honors dispersed your hand is much too defensive to overcall .Everything would change if you had a ♥ singleton.



Problem E9189 2 COAn overcall of 2 ♥ or 2 ♠ needs a solid 5 card major and a irregular hand. Ideally you should also have a 4 or 5 cards in a minor.





2 • overcall and the following bids.

- Partner bids a major depending on his strength. If weak, he bids his weakest major, if necessary the overcaller rectifies.
- If he wants to know the overcaller's major, he bids 2NT.: The overcaller bids 3 ♣ for ♥ and 3♦ for ♠ and minimum points.
- With maximum points the overcaller bids 3 ♥ for ♠ and 3 ♠ for ♥! (Be careful!)



Problem E9209 2 ♦ this shows a 6 card major.



Problem E9393 ? Pass or correct to 2 ♠ by North.





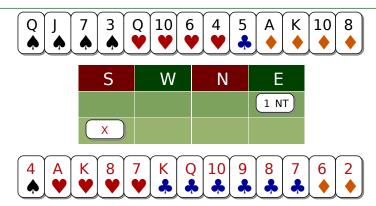
2NT signalling the minors

2NT shows a hand with 10 or so HCP and, preferably, 6-5 in the minors (the 1NT opener is more likely to have strong minors than majors...)In response to this overcall, Partner bids his best minor.

The DOUBLE: showing a long minor and a major of at least 4 cards. This overcall is much more frequent than the Landy or 2NT. See the corresponding information note.



2 NT showing a minors two-suiter at least 5-5.



Problem E5494 double With this convention, a double on a 1NT opening shows a long minor and a 4 card major.





2 & Landy

This is a very efficient and economic overcall promising

- at least 5-4 in the majors
- and opening points

The bidding after 2 TR:

- 2 ♥ shows a weak hand asking Partner to choose his best major
- 3 ♥ or 3 ♠ game proposal



Problem E1504 2 & Landy : to show your major two-suiter



3 ♣ careful! 2 ♣ is Landy promising the 2 majors. You need 5 ♦ cards to bid 2 NT (minors two-suiter)