



Responding to a major/minor double

The minor/major double

This is the most frequent two-suited overcall after a 1NT opening. (There are 4 possible combinations...against only one for the Landy!) It promises:

- A minor of at least 5 cards, a 4 card major,
- at least 10 or so HCP and, above all, the high cards concentrated in the long suits.

Remember, to overcall after a 1NT opening, distribution is more important than the number of points.

S	W	N	E
			1 NT
X			

K	Q	10	8	4	A	J	10	9	7	5	6	5
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

Exercise E5606 **double** After a 1NT opening the double shows a two-suiter with a 5 card minor and a 4 card major. With this hand, no hesitation : double !



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The ensuing bids after a minor/major double

- If you want to know which minor suit your partner is holding,
 - with a weak hand, bid 2 ♣ : he will then pass or shift to 2 ♦
 - with a decent hand, allowing you to play at level 3, bid 2 NT
- If you want to know which major suit your partner is holding, bid 2 ♦
- With a strong hand, you can pass and turn the double into a penalty double!
- With a 6 card major (or a very solid 5 carder), name it !

K	Q	10	8	4	A	J	10	9	7	5	6	5
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
	1 NT	X	Pass
2 ♦			

J	9	7	6	A	8	7	8	6	A	10	8	7
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

Exercise E5613 2 ♦ with a 4 card major, ask your partner which major he's got...you may find a fit!

K	Q	10	8	4	A	J	10	9	7	5	6	5
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S	W	N	E
	1 NT	X	Pass
2 ♣			

J	9	7	A	8	7	8	6	4	A	10	8	7
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

Exercise E5615 2 ♣ You are bound to have a fit in a minor suit. Ask your partner to name his.