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This line of play consists of voluntarily ruffing several times from the partnership's longer trump holding. The Opp's trump are then drawn using the short hand in a secondary move. In most cases, the contract is played with a 5-3 fit. To win your contract, you need to :

- ruff 3 times from the hand with 5 trump
- and, also have 3 high honor trump cards in the other hand.

This way, you will make 6 trump tricks instead of 5.

Note :

- you turn your long trump hand into your short trump hand by the time you draw trump. If you have the same number of trump cards in both hands, this move doesn't achieve anything!
- You still need to be able to cross over to the other holding which has now become the long hand so you can play trump

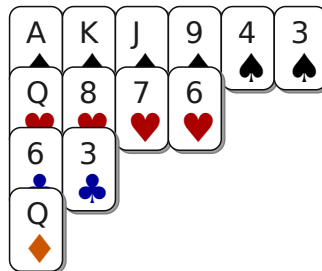
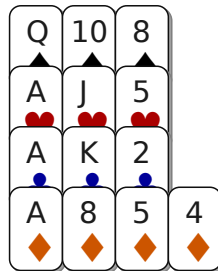
Use this method of play, when it's not possible to ruff from the short hand.



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Example : You're South, Declarer of a ♠ contract. Opp leads Jack ♦.
Do you finesse or do you play the Ace ?



Exercise 4637 Take the lead with the Ace and then play ♦ 3 times from the hand with the longer trump. You'll also ruff 1 ♣ in order to make 12 or 13 tricks depending on the position of the King ♥.