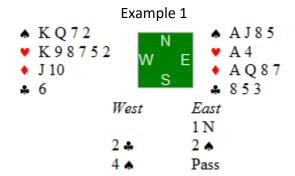
Extended Texas Transfer

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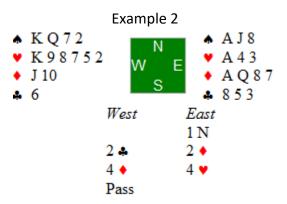
After Partner opens 1NT (or 2NT) and we have 6-4 or 4-6 in the majors, it's tempting to just transfer for the known 8+ card fit, but with both majors, we have a 67% chance of finding a fit in a major using Stayman. If we are lucky enough to find the 4-4 fit instead of the 6-4 fit, we may be able to take 12 tricks with amazingly few points.

Extended Texas allows us to try Stayman first and fall back on a Texas Transfer if a 4-4 fit is not found!

The process is simple! Try Stayman first. If Stayman fails, just bid 4 diamonds or 4 hearts to transfer to your 6-card suit.



Here Stayman revealed the 4-4 Spade fit and West bid the game. Note that 12 tricks can be taken with a heart ruff and successful diamond finesse with only 23 combined high card points. Playing in the 6-4 heart fit will take a trick less because a trump trick must be lost.



Here Stayman failed to find a 4-4 major fit. That was no problem because West bid 4 diamonds to transfer to 4 hearts.