

What do I need to make a takeout double?


The opposition open at the 1-level.

Your **Double**:

- Shows an opening hand with either
 - 12+ HCP
 - with
 - at most two cards in opponents' suit
 - at least three cards in the other three suits
- or
- 16+ HCP
 - With a strong suit to bid later
 - Possibly no shortage
- **Is Forcing**
 - "Partner please bid"
 - "Take me out of their contract"

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Responding to a takeout double

Bid a suit		
HCP	Bid	
0-8	Lowest level	Prefer a major
9-12	Jump bid	
13+	Jump to game	
Bid NT		
HCP	Balanced	With stops
6-9	1NT	1+
10-12	2NT	Preferably 2+
13+	3NT	Preferably 2+

Imagine partner had opened 1 of your best suit

Same point range as responding to 1-level opening

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