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After using the screens in our first face to face session, I wrote to our supplier:

We ran our first face to face bridge session yesterday. We had three tables. The screens performed very well during the play. The design is exactly right.

However, we have a big problem with packing, transporting, and setting up.

We had already cracked one screen unpacking them in the first place.

We cracked another unloading them at our venue, and two more loading them up again.

From experience with the first one, I think I can make a repair with Sellotape.

However, the screens are simply too big, too heavy, and too fragile as they are.

I was wondering if we could try making a set of four "half screens" and come up with some way of steadying them when on the table.

Do you think it would be possible to make a cross piece for the top centre, a sort of "Hat" for the centre meeting point with a flat top with four corner pieces fixed to it? Or would it be possible to join two of them with hinges that either let them fold flat or stand at right angles to each other? Then two of these with corners together

could stand on the table. However, they would be back to being heavy. By the time Jim and I had moved any of them from building to car we were exhausted and most people who organise bridge are our age! Though having half the area to manage when folded would help.

Any thoughts would be welcome.
It was so nearly perfect.

He is thinking about it. We'll repair the screens and use them again next week but handling them with maximum care!

