

The Responsive Double



The Basic Idea

- The responsive double is an extension of the takeout double.
- You may make a responsive double when:
 - Left hand opponent has opened a suit,
 - Partner has made a takeout double, and
 - Right hand opponent has raised opener's suit.
- A double by you is responsive through 4 diamonds.

The Bidding Looks Like This

LHO Partner RHO You

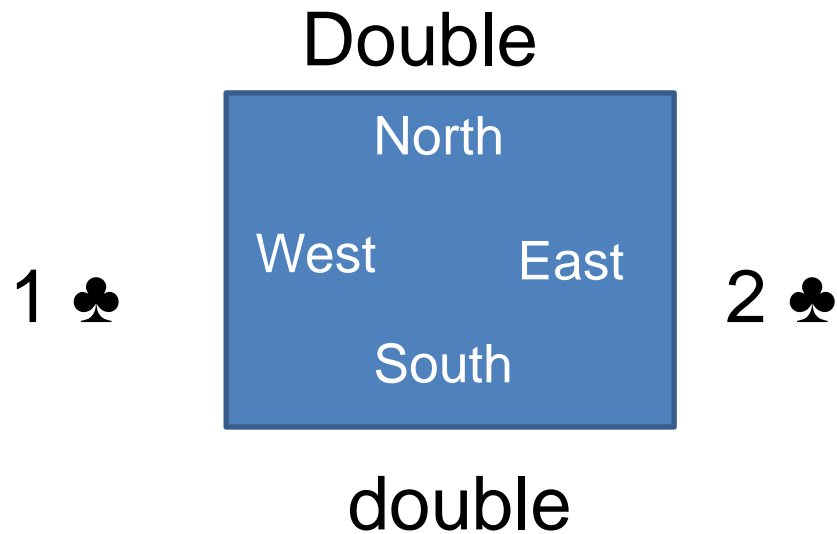
1 ♦ double 2 ♦ double

- A responsive double is only on when responder supports opener's suit.
- If responder bids a new suit, your double is for penalty.
- Your double says: "I have no preference of the unbid suits, you pick. If you had a preference, of course, *you would show it.*

Point Count for Responsive Double

- 6 points at the 2 level.
- 8 points at the 3 level
- 10+ points at the 4 level.

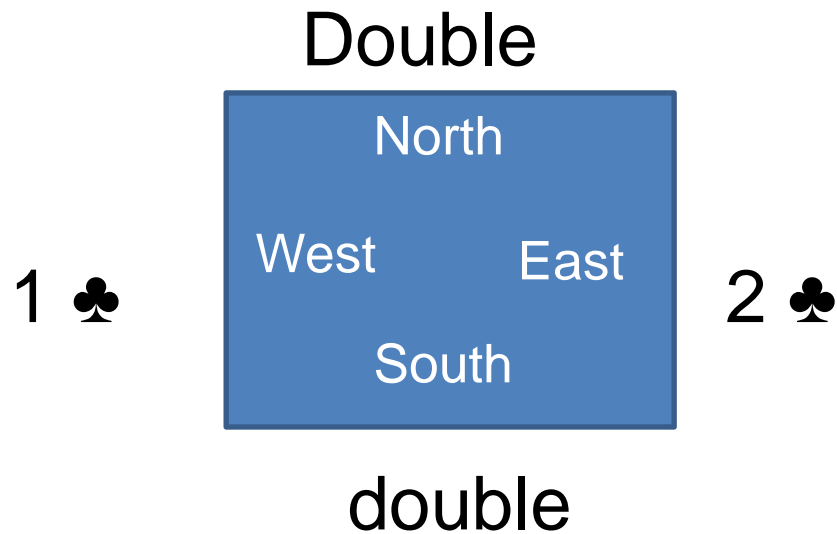
Responsive Double Ex. 1



“Pick a major suit partner.
If I had a preference I
would bid it.”

♠ K 10 7 6
♥ J 9 7 3
♦ Q 6 2
♣ 6 3

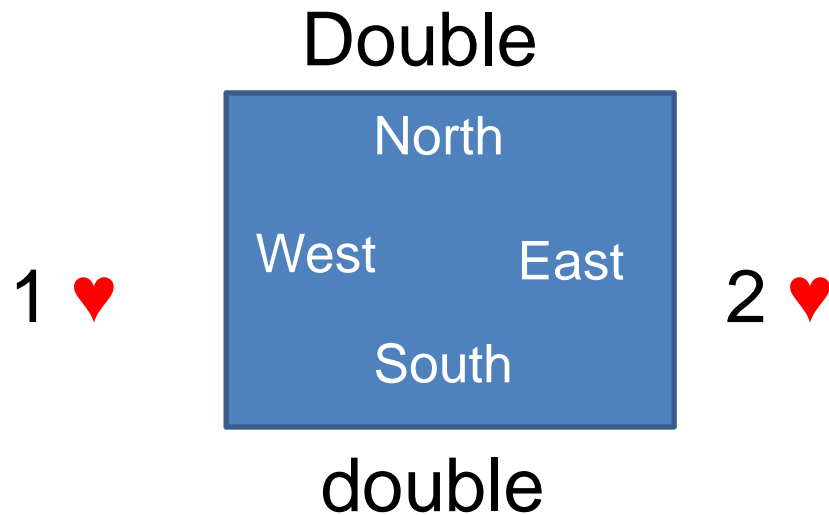
Responsive Double Ex. 2



You have plenty of points to compete but no good suit. Let partner pick.

♠ K Q 6
♥ A 9 7
♦ 8 6 2
♣ J 8 6 3

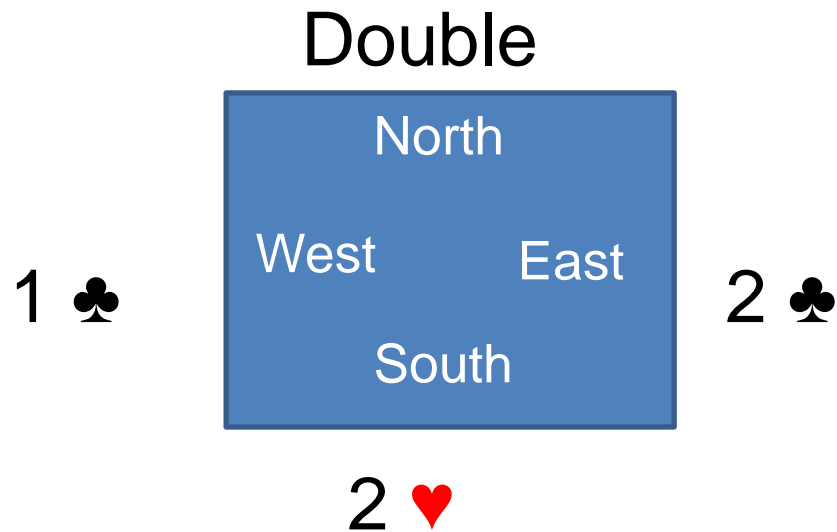
Responsive Double Ex. 3



Pick a minor partner. If I had spades, I would bid it.

♠ 5 4
♥ A 9 7
♦ Q J 6 2
♣ 10 8 6 3

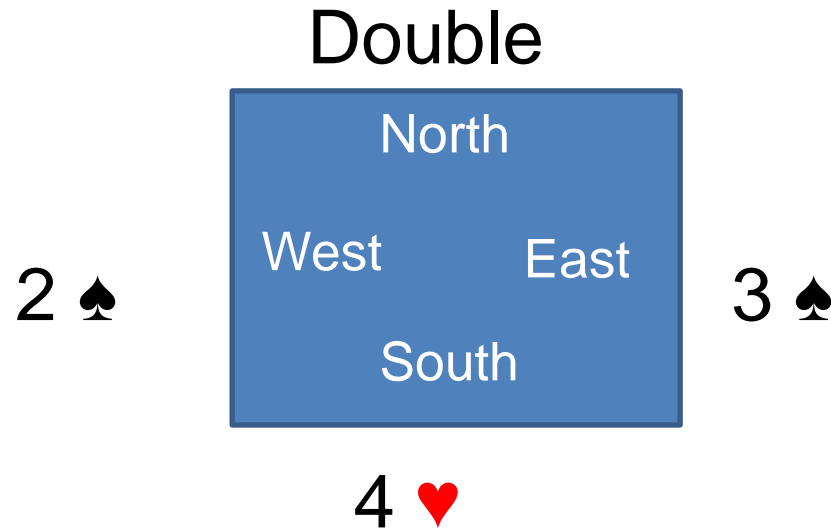
Responsive Double Ex. 4



You have a definite preference for hearts. Show it.

♠ A J 6
♥ Q 9 7 5
♦ 8 6 2
♣ J 8 6

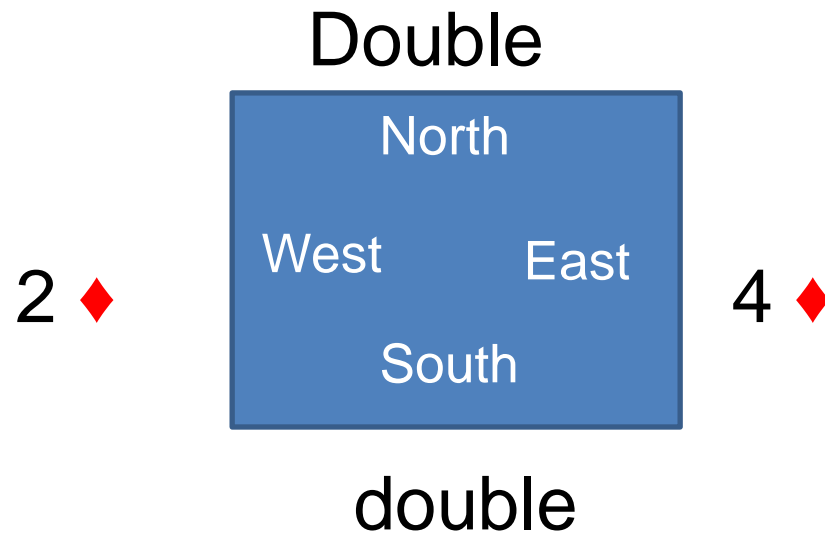
Responsive Double Ex. 5



You have equal length in all unbid suits, but you have 11 points and a 4-card major suit. Bid it.

♠ 6
♥ Q 9 7 5
♦ A Q 6 2
♣ K 10 8 6

Responsive Double Ex. 6



Pick a major suit,
partner.

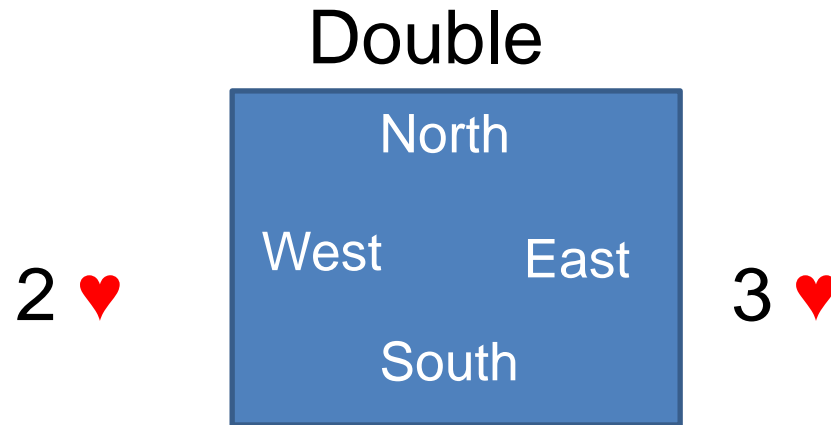
♠ A Q 8 6

♥ Q 9 7 5

♦ 7 2

♣ K 10 8

Responsive Double Ex. 7



double

♠ Q 8

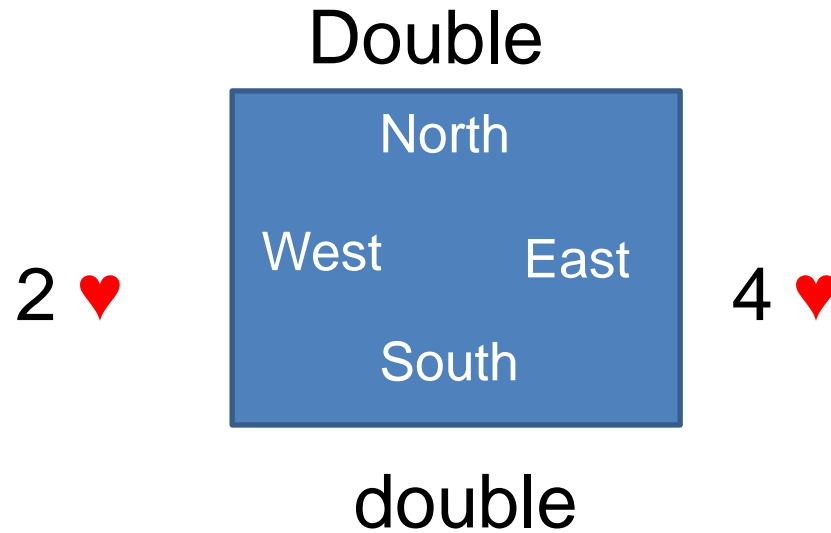
♥ 5

♦ A J 10 7 2

♣ K Q 10 8 4

Perfect hand for a responsive double. You want to compete but you don't know which minor is best. Let partner choose.

Responsive Double Ex. 8



A penalty double. You would have bid game in spades if you had 4.

♠ K 6
♥ A 7 5
♦ K J 7 2
♣ Q 10 8 7

The Takeout Doubler's Rebid After a Responsive Double

- Bid according to your values.
- You must bid, of course, if your RHO passes.
- With minimum values, bid at the cheapest level.
- With midrange values, jump a level. This is invitational, not forcing.
- With maximum values, bid game.

Takeout Doubler's Rebid Ex. 1

Partner is asking you to pick a major suit. So, pick the one you like best.

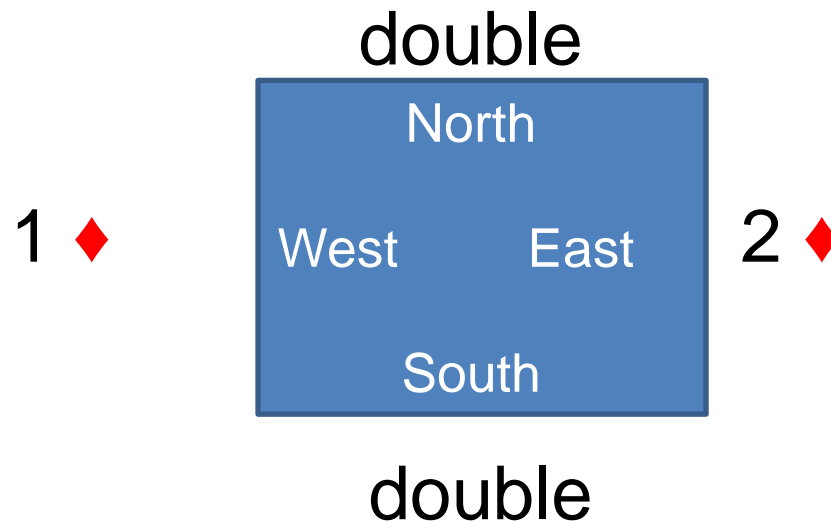
2 ♠

♠ A K 9 6

♥ A 7 5

♦ 7 2

♣ Q 10 8 7



Takeout Doubler's Rebid Ex. 2

Partner is asking you to pick a minor suit. If he had 4 hearts, partner would have bid hearts.

3 ♣

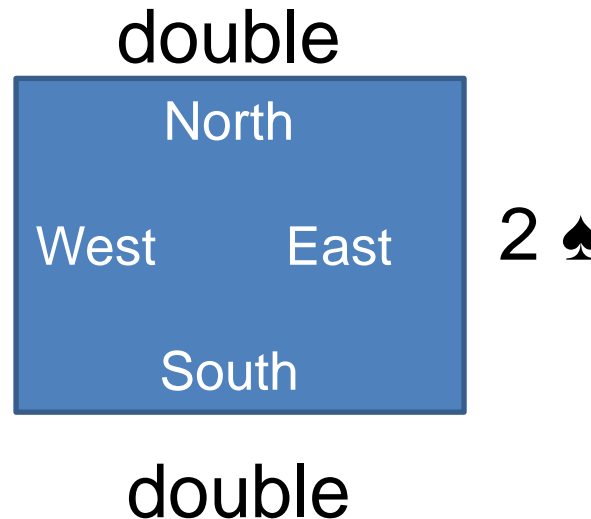
♠ J 9

♥ A J 7 5

♦ Q J 2

♣ K Q 10 8

1 ♠



Takeout Doubler's Rebid Ex. 3

Partner is asking you to pick a major suit. You don't have quite enough to force game, but you do have enough to invite. .

3 ♠

♠ A K J 9

♥ A J 7 5

♦ K J 2

♣ 10 8

double

1 ♣



2 ♣

double

Takeout Doubler's Rebid Ex. 4

Partner is asking you to pick a major suit. You have values enough for game. So, bid it. .

4 ♠

♠ A K J 9

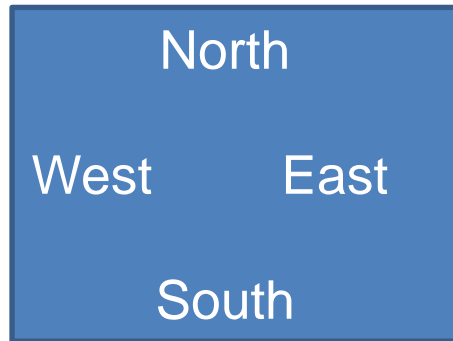
♥ A J 7 5

♦ K Q J

♣ J 8

double

1 ♣



2 ♣

double

Takeout Doubler's Rebid Ex. 5

Partner is asking you to pick a minor suit, but with this hand you are probably better off in no trump.

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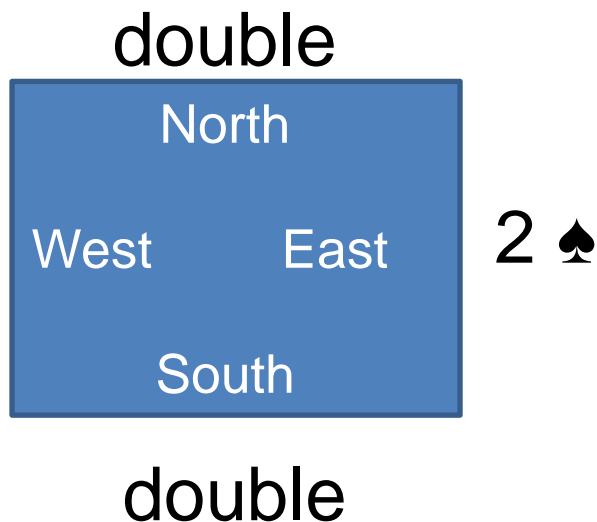
♠ A J 8

♥ A J 7 5

♦ Q J 7

♣ A Q 8

1 ♠



2 ♠