

Modified Puppet

Modified Puppet is for use over a 2NT opening or after a 2NT rebid by a 2C opener. For those already familiar with Puppet Stayman, the modification is to interchange the 3H and 3NT responses. This resolves a problem associated with Puppet Stayman, which is how to accommodate 5 spades and 4 hearts in responder's hand.

2N	3C	Modified Puppet: asks if opener has a 4- or 5-card major
3D		Opener has one or two 4-card majors
3H		Opener does not have a 4- or 5-card major
3S		Opener has 5 spades
3N		Opener has 5 hearts

2N	3C	
3D	3H	Responder has 4 spades
	3S	Responder has 4 hearts
	4D	Responder has 4 hearts and 4 spades

After responder shows his holding, opener places the contract.

2N	3C	
3H	3N	To play
	4C	Gerber (Mini-max, if you play that)
	4N	Quantitative

2N	3C	
3H	3S	Shows 5 spades and 4 hearts; opener now places the contract.

2N	3C	
3N	4D	“Transfer” to 4H
