

3C Puppet Stayman after:

1NT opening by partner and we have 10+ points GF

2NT (20-22hcp) opening and we have 5+ points GF

2C opening followed by 2NT showing 23+ balance hand GF

After above situations where NT opener may have a 5 card major, we use **3C Puppet Stayman** to find a major fit (5-3 or 4-4); as follows:

Responses to 3C Puppet Stayman:

- 3H/3S 5 card suit
- 3D = No 5 card major but at least one 4 card major, responder bids suit that he **doesn't have** or
 - 4C both majors better hearts
 - 4D both majors better spades
- 3NT no 5 or 4 card major

Combining Puppet Stayman and Simple Stayman

1NT opening 15-17 points, responder having <10hcp

2C simple Stayman, Garbage Stayman

Responses to 2C Stayman:

- 2H 4 cards in H not denying S
- 2S 4 cards in S
- 2D = No 4 card major

With few points, shortage in C and tolerance for the other 3 suits, responder bids 2C (garbage Stayman) and pass any bid by opener