

# A Gerber Replacement

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Gerber is most often used as a jump over opener's natural notrump bid. These are the three main cases:

1. Over a 1 NT opening, responder can set a long minor suit as trump. Then the partnership has crosswood to ask for keycards.
2. Over a 2 NT opening, responder can bid 3 ♠, requiring opener to bid 3 NT. Four of a minor is then crosswood for the other minor.
3. Over opener's jump rebid of 2 NT, option (b) of Wolff with 3 ♦ checkback replaces both Gerber and a natural slam try at 4 ♦ with a natural slam try in opener's minor, and crosswood for opener's minor.

The need for Gerber evaporates for any situation where we have agreed to play such a method. Over a 1 NT or 2 NT opening, we can replace Gerber with these quantitative bids:

R1	O2	R2	Replacement Quantitative Raises
4 ♣			Slam invitation with 4-4 minors and 3-2 majors.
	4 ♦		Maximum.
		4 ♥	Three hearts (2=3=4=4).
		4 ♠	Three spades (3=2=4=4).
	4 ♥		Five hearts, non-minimum.
	4 ♠		Five spades, non-minimum.
	4 NT		Minimum.
4 ♠			Slam invitation with 5-3-3-2, long clubs.
4 NT			Slam invitation with 5-3-3-2, long diamonds.

The 4 ♠ minor-suit slam try is also replaced.

## Backstory

This Gerber replacement is by the great Zia Mahmood and recommended by Al Muggia.