

Blockbet

[Blockbets](#) are a strategic tool in spots where the player wants to keep the pot smaller in order to see future cards dealt and keep the opponent from being able to make the initial [wager](#) in possible larger size during the same [betting round](#). This [bet](#) is designed to keep the [stack to pot ratio](#) smaller, force the opponent to [raise](#), in order to get more money into the pot, which indicates a quite strong hand to do so with, resulting in an easy decision for the blockbetting player in order to proceed or [fold](#).

Often [blockbets](#) are played when the handstrength would be able to [call](#) a small [bet](#) and wants to see future cards, while not really wanting to play for a bigger pot at this point. After the river is dealt, [blockbets](#) are also used to leverage a fairly cheap [showdown](#), due to the opponent having to decide if his hand really is strong enough to put in a [raise](#).

In some situations a [blockbet](#) can accomplish a very important hand reading tell, knowing the opponent would [call](#) all weaker hands, but [raise](#) all stronger hands. This is also called forcing a [range-split](#), where the opponents [range](#) of holdings is perfectly chopped in worse hands calling and better hands [raising](#). Understanding those spots allows to go for thin value in situations where most players might have [checked](#) to the opponent.