

Jacks or Better 9/5 — large print, front

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HOLD ORDER · HIGH CARD MEANS J Q K A



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RF	SF	4K	FH	FL	ST	3K	2P	JJ+
800	50	25	9	5	4	3	2	1

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12	3 to a royal flush	3
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Four steps

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Pocket card — cut, fold once, laminate

Cut the outer rectangle. Fold along the dashed line so the two faces go back to back. Laminate the folded card.
Finished size 3.5 x 5 in, which fits an index-card pouch.

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