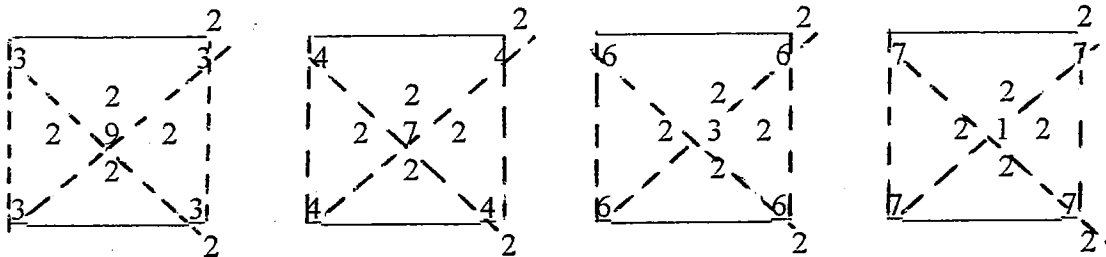(C) Disney.

A PROCESS FOR COUNTING DIFFICULT HANDS:

As you'll notice, each triangle is worth fifteen-two (8 points for four triangles) and each diagonal line is worth fifteen-two (4 points) for a combined total of 12 points. Four of a kind (six pairs) is worth 12 points. Note a common pattern in the above examples? It takes two cards of the same rank to combine with another card of a differing rank to equal fifteen-two. In all such cases the total count will be 24 points.

In cases where it takes three cards of the same rank to make fifteen-two, the count of that hand/crib will be 20 points. Note the following examples:

2-2-2-2-9

3-3-3-3-6

4-4-4-4-3

5-5-5-5 -(1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9)

Another way to count difficult hands or to see the six pairs in four of a kind is by thinking red/black. If one has four 4's and a 7 is cut as a starter card, the process can be as follows: two blacks for two, two reds for two, a red and a black for two (heart and club), a red and a black for two (heart and spade), a red and a black for two (diamond and club), and a red and a black for two (diamond and spade). The total of fifteen two's is six for a count of 12. Although four-of-a-kind always counts twelve, we can utilize the same process to find the six pairs in that combination. And a pair is worth two points; thus six pairs equals 12 points. Twelve+twelve equals 24.

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Here is another way to view four of a kind and to see the actual six pairs that exist. This is not practical in a game situation and don't recommend taking the time to draw up such a chart in actual play. This can be done with any four-of-kind. In this case will use the sevens as there are other possible applications. This could also be true of 3's, 4's, and 6's.

FOUR OF KIND VIEWING TABLE

No. of Pairs	Clubs	Spades	Hearts	Diamonds
1	7-------------7			
2	7------------------------------------7			
3	7---7			
4		7-----------------------7		
5		7---7		
6			7-------------7	

Note that each seven appears in three combinations. If you count the sevens, there are twelve of them. How many points are there in four of a kind? If you count the pairs, there are six of them. What is a pair worth? Six times two equals twelve. You can also take a step beyond here and visualize the cut of an ace. Just move the ace through each line in this chart, you'll come up with fifteen for 12 and four of a kind for 12. And that equals 24 points!