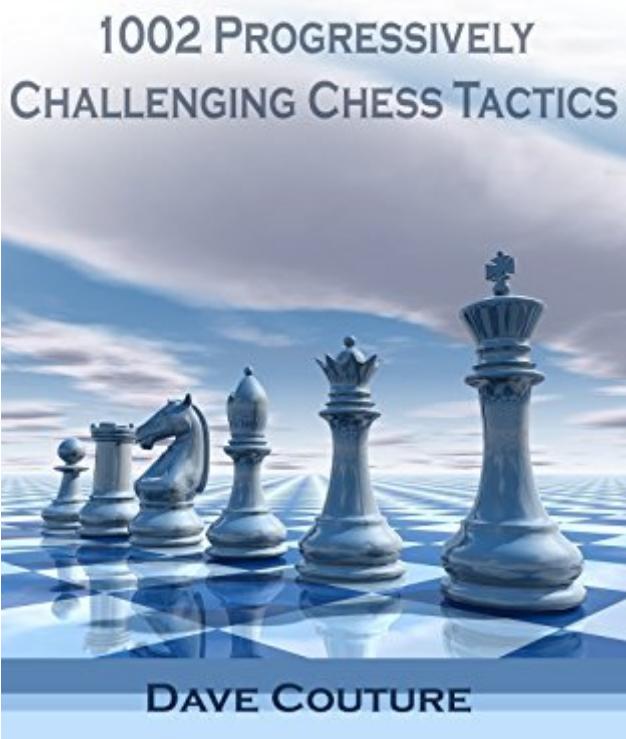


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# Progressive Tactics: 1002 Progressively Challenging Chess Tactics

## PROGRESSIVE TACTICS



## Synopsis

The purpose of this book is simple – it is intended to raise your rating (or just greatly improve your game if you're not a rated player). Rather than go into a lengthy explanation of why practicing tactics is so critical to improvement, I'll just tell you about my own experience. I started playing tournament chess in the 1980s and spent about 20 years rated in the 1500-1650 range while I studied opening books, endgame books, and strategy books to no avail (you can see my rating graph here: [http://main.uschess.org/datapage/ratings\\_graph.php?memid=12413721](http://main.uschess.org/datapage/ratings_graph.php?memid=12413721)). Over the years I had read occasional comments about the importance of focusing on tactics above all else, but it never really sunk in. Sometime in 2007, I read a column by the outstanding instructor Dan Heisman about the importance of tactics, that was so well written and persuasive, that it finally sunk in that I needed to try focusing on tactics. Well, suffice it to say that it worked. I started working on tactics in the excellent book “Sharpen Your Tactics” by Anatoly Lein (almost) every day and my rating rose to a peak of 1845. Then sometime in 2009 I gradually got away from working on tactics for various reasons and my rating plummeted back to 1600. In 2012 I started studying tactics once more and peaked at 1858 at which point I started working on this book and stopped doing my daily tactics practice and my rating plummeted again. Since finishing the book, I've gotten back to daily tactics practice and my rating has again started climbing. So why THIS tactics book as opposed to others. First of all, it contains tactics from real amateur games – the kinds of tactics you're likely to see in your own games! Second, it has large board diagrams that you can touch to see the answer and explanation with an arrow showing the solution move already made which one reviewer called – a great help for beginners with a low visualization capability. There's no flipping back and forth like you have to do in other tactics books! I think you'll find this book to actually be fun! So buy this book, enjoy it, and watch your rating rise!

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## Customer Reviews

I recently discovered another chess book, which may, in the end, prove one of the most beneficial in my Kindle chess library. It's called "Progressive Tactics: 1002 Progressively Challenging Chess Tactics" by Dave Couture. The concept behind the book is simple but effective: Couture presents a series of chess problems of increasing complexity and difficulty for readers to study and analyze. On one page, the problem appears in a chess diagram with a simple instruction like: "White [or Black] to move" with no other explanation. On the page following each problem, readers will find a diagram showing the best solution to the problem. There's an arrow on the diagram showing the move, and a brief, easy-to-understand explanation for the move and why it is best. In his introduction, Dave Couture recommends using the book for about 15 to 20 minutes per day for a couple of months. He believes that readers who do this will begin to see an improvement in their overall chess playing skills automatically, without making any special effort in [their] games. I've tried Couture's suggestion, and it seems to work. In the same way Couture saw his chess Elo rating improve by about 10 percent from studying tactics, I have also seen my Elo rating increase by a similar amount (from about 1200) because of using his book. "Progressive Tactics" ranks among the better-formatted Kindle chess books I've found. The layout is simple. The diagrams are clear and colorful; however, they are a bit undersized for my 60-plus year-old eyes. This is a minor complaint that I hope Couture will address in future editions. Increasing the size of the diagrams by even a moderate amount in Kindle editions would be a great benefit to readers (like me) with less than perfect vision. I think "Progressive Tactics" is one of the best, most useful Kindle-ized chess books I've found in a long time.

Highly recommended. (4 1/2 Stars ^ 5)

What a terrific book! I think David. Couture did an excellent job of picking out instructive tactics from his games. These patterns are not "made up" stuff but positions that occur in games on a regular basis. I already won a blitz game online because of a tactic I learned here in this ebook. Highly recommended for all Class players who want to improve quickly.

I bought the Kindle edition. The formatting for this book is great. A diagram on one page, followed by the diagram showing the solution on the next page. The diagrams look great on my iPad. I hope that other chess books will use this as a pattern for their Kindle editions. I have only done a few of the puzzles so far. They are taken from real games and seem practical. The price is great.

This is one of the best chess ebooks I have bought. I love the nice big board images and that you touch the screen once for the answer and explanation - as opposed to many other chess ebooks where you have to skip to the last chapter to find the answer, which is very annoying and unwieldy, and in doing so you can't help seeing the answer to the next problem! Highly recommend this one.

This is a great book for learning tactics. In addition to a well-graded set of problems from real games, the format is well thought out with a single problem or solution to a page on a Kindle device. The diagrams are clear and the solutions are helpful. On the Kindle cloud app the problem-per-page layout is bit broken, but this is the fault of the cloud app. A lot of the time I find this book much more convenient than online tactics training (ChessTempo) or one of the large paperbacks such as Polgar's *Chess Tactics for Champions*.

I think this book is one of the best tactic training books there is on the market. I believe Dave is a great chess player that shows in both of his books. I also want mention that he uses great strategy in his games. As an author and a player. I believe he would make great coach/ trainer. He has good games and challenges all opponents with a chance to win, lose or draw charisma that all us chess players have in us that no matter the circumstances are up for the challenge. This is a great book and I appreciate Dave Couture and for the book. Another treasure for my collection. All the work that went into this book has an excellent finished product and I highly recommend getting this book. This book I give 5 stars and I give the author Dave Couture 5 stars. This is a must have tactics book that I believe should not only be put in your kindle but this is a must read book. This is a

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