

Bloody Catheter

32-bar jig for four couples in a longwise set

Bars	Description
1 – 4	1 st man, 2 nd woman, 3 rd man and 4 th woman advance for 2 steps while their partners retire for 2 steps, then all dance back to place.
5 – 8	All chase clockwise halfway round.
9 – 16	Repeat bars 1 – 8 from these new positions.
17 – 24	1 st and 2 nd couples dance half rights and lefts, then 1 st and 3 rd couples dance half rights and left.
25 – 32	1 st and 4 th couples dance half rights and lefts, then all, giving right hands, turn partners one and a half times to finish on own sides in the order 2341.

Repeat from new positions.

Note: if many dancers are complete beginners, like in a ceilidh, the advancing and retiring part may get into a mess. You may then adapt in two different ways.

1. Bars 1-4 all men advance for 2 bars while all women retire, then all dance back to place, and bars 9-12 all women advance for two bars while all men retire, then all dance back to place.

2. Those who start the dance advancing will always advance during the four times through, and those who start retiring will always retire, so that you can keep the shape of waves.

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This is a very easy dance, more like a ceilidh dance, or suitable for warming up.

One day, two nurses had difficulties in inserting a catheter in my arm, they needed a few tries to achieve it, which was not a very nice experience. After a little while, I decided I would make something funny out of this bad and painful moment.

Bars 1-4 and 9-12, the advancing dancers represent the approaching catheter, whereas the retiring dancers symbolise the fleeing vein.