

“The Milky Way”



A 4 x 40 bar Reel or Jig for four couples in a longwise four couple set.

Suggested music: “The Dalston Jig”, by Marion Anderson

Bars 1 - 8 The first couple cross over with the right hand and cast off one place. The second couple move up. The first couple then dance a half figure of eight up between the second couple to finish on their own sides in second place facing in and down.

Meanwhile:

The fourth couple cross over with the right hand and cast up one place. The third couple move down. The fourth couple then dance a half figure of eight down between the third couple to finish on their own sides in third place facing in and up.

Bars 9 - 16 **The Spiral**
The first and fourth couples in the centre of the set advance setting diagonally to the centre of their two couple group for one bar. On the second bar they turn right about in the centre to finish back to back facing their “corner person” i.e.:

- First man facing the second man in first place
- First lady facing the second woman in first place
- Fourth man facing the third man in fourth place
- Fourth lady facing the third lady in fourth place

All four couples set on bars 3 and 4 to each other, as above.

See Figure 1

The first and fourth couples, then cast to their right for four skip-change of steps inside the set:

- First couple in tandem, lady in front to finish facing the first lady's first corner - the second man in first place
- Fourth couple in tandem, man in front to finish facing the fourth man's first corner - the third lady in fourth place

Bars 17 - 32 **"Stars" - Progressive Wheels** (for the following 16 bars the first and fourth couples dance in tandem in the same order as above).

- **First couple** dance a right hand wheel right round with the second man in top place for four bars to finish facing the third man in fourth place,
- First couple then dance a left hand wheel halfway round with the third man for four bars to finish facing the third lady in fourth place.
- First couple then dance a right hand wheel right round with the third lady in fourth place for four bars to finish facing the second lady in top place.
- First couple then dance a left hand wheel halfway round for four bars to finish with the first lady **facing down** between the second couple in top place, first lady with her partner on her left.

see Figure 2

Meanwhile:

The fourth couple dance the same formation, but starting with the third man in fourth place.

The fourth couple finish **facing up** between the third couple in fourth place, fourth man with his partner on his left.

NB. The left hand wheels are actually only halfway round, so you have plenty of time to get round to face the next couple

See Figure 3 for first couple's track

Bars 32 - 40 First couple, with the second couple in top place, join hands and set once in a line hands joined facing up the dance and at the same time ..
Fourth couple, with the third couple in fourth place, join hands and set once in a line hands joined facing up the dance

Figure 4

The first couple and fourth couples then dance half rights and lefts to finish on their own sides of the dance, first couple in third place, and fourth couple in second place ...

Note:

- the two men curl down and round on the spot to finish on their own side, first man in third place and fourth man in second place
- the two ladies curl up and round on the spot to finish on their own side, first lady in third place and fourth lady in second place.

...and all join hands on the sides and set once to finish.

Figure 5

Repeat the dance with a new top and bottom couple..

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Figure 1 "The Spiral" Bars 9 - 16

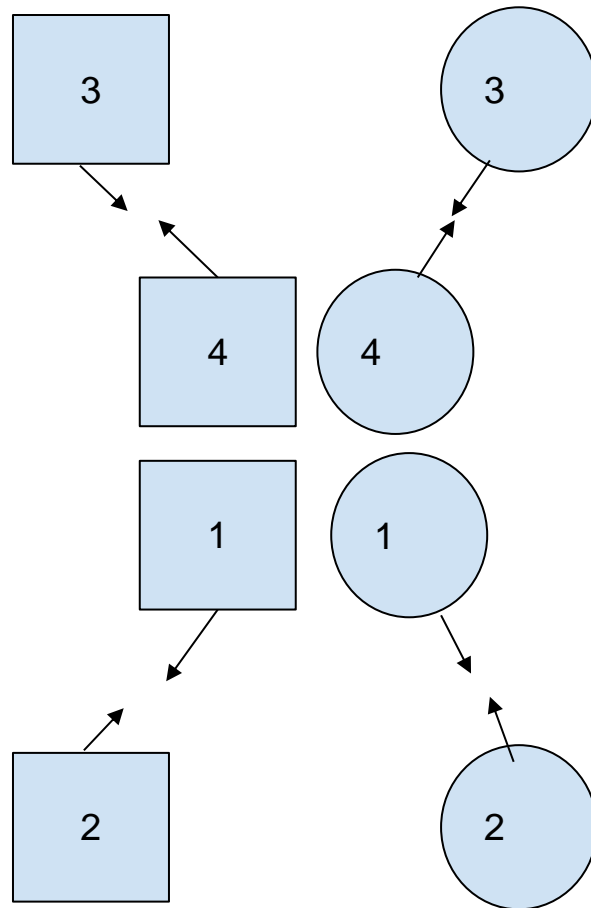


Figure 2 "Stars" Bars 17 - 32

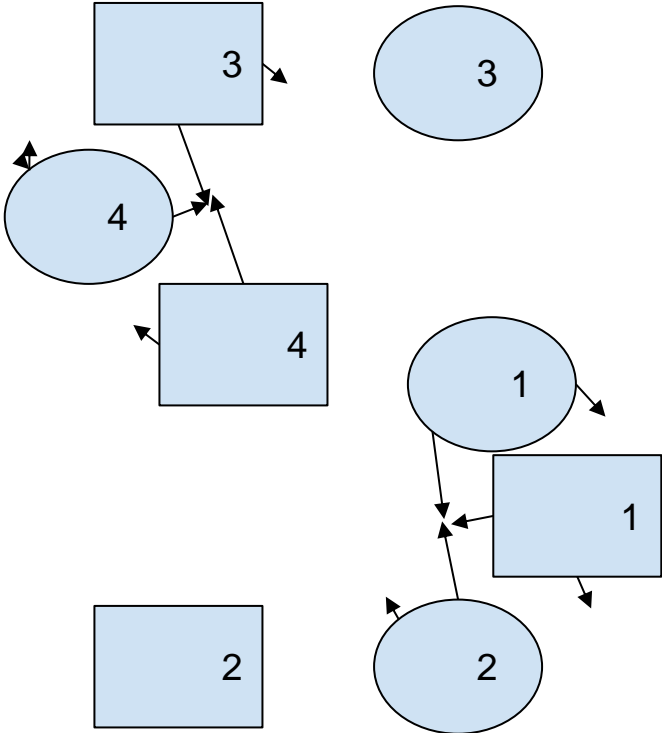


Figure 3 - First couple's track

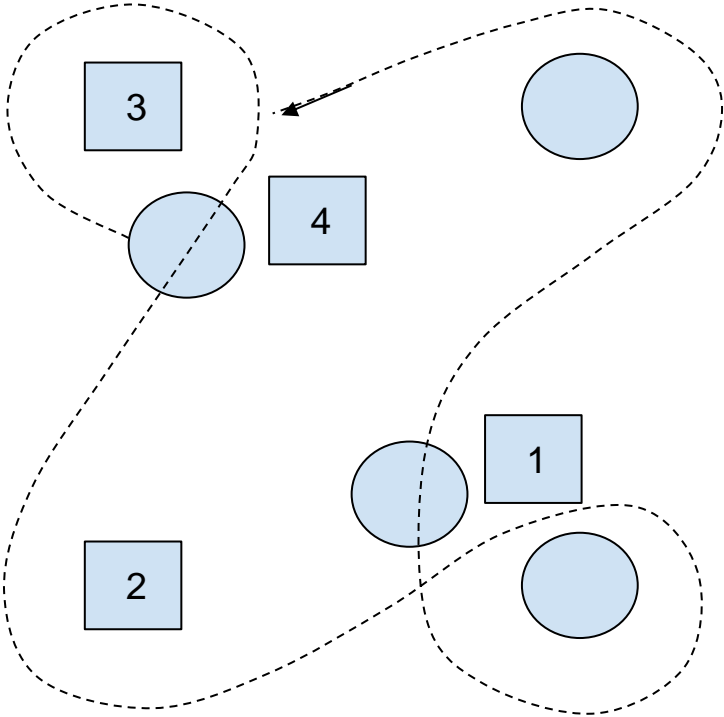


Figure 4 - Set ready for half Rights and Lefts - Bars 33 & 34

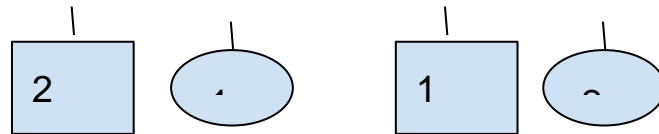
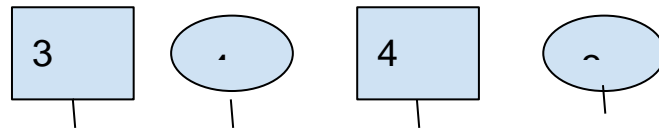


Figure 4: Finish - Bar 40

