

Faine I would if I could

Playford 1st edition. This is pretty much as it was taught to us by Alison Ede, but with a few tweaks.

Square for 4 couples. Start Improper, and then face out of the set (in which direction you are proper).

- A1 All: Lead out turn and lead back with your partner. Turn your corner with both hands (clockwise – to the left); turn the next lady (your original opposite) with both hands (anti-clockwise – to the right).
- A2 All: Lead out & back with your opposite. Turn your opposite with both hands (anti-clockwise); turn the next lady (your original corner) with both hands (clockwise). Note that the 4 half turns taken together describe a figure of 8.
- B1 Head couples lead in and meet. The side couples join them to make 2 lines of 4. Take hands in your lines and all fall back a double.
Head couples: Give right arms to your opposite and turn them so that you end up proper in the place of the side couple that was to the right of the man.
Side couples: At the same time go behind the head couples and give arms to your opposite and turn them so that you end up proper in the place of the head couple that was to the right of the man.
- B2 All that again with the head couples doing as the sides did before and vice versa. Finish facing your partner ready to side with them.
- 2nd Verse**
- A3 All: Sides with your partner (right side only). Turn your corner with both hands (clockwise); turn the next lady (your original opposite) with both hands (anti-clockwise).
- A4 All: Sides with your opposite (left side only). Turn your opposite with both hands (anti-clockwise); turn the next lady (your original corner) with both hands (clockwise).
- B3 Head couples cast inwards (turning towards each other, left for the man, right for the lady), go through the place of your corner and come home. The side couples follow their corners. Turning into the set the short way the first man makes a ring of 4 with his corner, his opposite and the partner of his corner. They turn clockwise back to place. The first lady does the same on her side at the same time.
- B4 As B3, the Side couples do as the Head couples did before and vice versa. This time the final circle is with the 1st man's partner, his corner and his partner's corner (and the corresponding 4 on the other side). Finish by turning towards your partner ready to arm with them.
- 3rd Verse**
- A5 All: Arms with your partner (right side only). Turn your corner with both hands (clockwise); turn the next lady (your original opposite) with both hands (anti-clockwise).
- A6 All: Arms with your opposite (left side only). Turn your opposite with both hands (anti-clockwise); turn the next lady (your original corner) with both hands (clockwise).
- B5 Head couples: Meet in the middle (2 steps) and turn back to back, taking inside hands with their opposite. At the same time the side couples circle them going to the right all the way round +1 place (man) or all the way round less 1 place for the women to take the head places (3 doubles). As the sides arrive the head couples come out into the side places (1 double).
- B6 As B5, the Side couples do as the Head couples did before and vice versa. The original head couples must be back home by the start of the 4th double then everyone leads out a double proper to end.