

The Four-Hand Reel (or Kerry Half Set)

An 8 x 32 bar reel for 2 couples in a square.

Traditional version.

With 2 name and 2 dance changes for easier teaching.

- (16) Opening: **Lead Around & Back.**
- (48) Body: **Slow Square, Quick 7s, Stars, Telescope, Rights & Lefts.**
- (16) Slow square. Begin with partner.¹
- (8) Quick 7s with partner:
- (2) Sidestep, changing places with your partner.
 - (2) Sidestep, changing places with your partner to place.
 - (4) Repeat.
- (8) Star Right & Left home.
- (8) Telescope with setting.²
- (8) Rights & Lefts. Begin with neighbor.³
- (64) 1st Figure: **Ladies' Interlaces.**
- (32) 1st Lady's Interlace:
- (8) 1st lady dances between the 2s, around 2nd lady, between the 2s again, around 2nd man and collects her partner and 2nd lady into a circle.
- (16) Rings & Arches:
- (8) 1st couple and 2nd lady circle Right, set, and circle Left. While setting, 2nd lady is guided under arch to 1st lady's place. Meanwhile 2nd man sides Right and then Left on his own side of the set.
 - (8) 1st couple and 2nd man circle Left, set, and circle Right. While setting, 2nd man is guided under arch to 1st man's place. Meanwhile 2nd lady sides Left and then Right on her own side of the set.
 - (8) Around The House.⁴
End in correct gender places
- (32) 2nd Lady's Interlace. 2nd lady dances as 1st lady did.

¹Traditionally called: "Irish Square," where "Irish" refers to beginning the figure with one's partner (instead of one's neighbor).

²Traditionally: crossover (1/2 turn by the Right).

³Traditionally called: "Scots' Chain," where "Scots" refers to beginning the figure with one's neighbor (instead of one's partner).

⁴Traditionally: 1/2 Around The House to place.

- (48) Body: **Slow Square, Quick 7s, Stars, Telescope, Rights & Lefts.**
- (16) 2nd Figure: **Ladies' Chain.**
 - (8) Ladies' Chain.
 - (8) Around The House to place.
- (48) Body: **Slow Square, Quick 7s, Stars, Telescope, Rights & Lefts.**
- (16) Closing: **Lead Around & Back.**

Caller's Notes for The Four-Hand Reel:

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- (16) 2nd Figure: **Ladies' Chain.**
- (48) Body: **Slow Square, Quick 7s, Stars, Telescope, Rights & Lefts.**
- (16) Closing: **Lead Around & Back.**