

The Seven Cuckolds

An 11 x 32 bar reel for 7 people in multiple formations.
Composed 1995 by Erica Lynn Frank.

The base configuration, used except where noted, consists of 3 lines: a couple (*heads*), facing a trio in a line (facing the heads), and a second couple (*seconds*) facing the backs of the trio. The couples' ladies are on the Right, relative to the direction they are facing. The trio consists of a man between two ladies: the lady on the Right is his *wife*, and the other lady is his *mistress*.

- (8) **Opening: Advance & Retire with Sidestep.**
 - (4) Heads & seconds advance & retire while trio sidesteps Right & Left to place.
 - (4) Repeat, trio starting Left.

- (56) **Body: Irish Square & Circles, Ladies Rights & Lefts, Men's Hey For 3, Fountain, Thread The Needle.**
 - (16) Heads & seconds do Irish Square while trio circles Right and then Left back, then circles Left and then Right back.
 - (8) Ladies do Rights & Lefts around center man. Head lady starts to her diagonal Right, while wife casts Right to start.
 - (8) Men's hey: center man gives Right shoulder to head man to start Hey For 3 on the men's diagonal. (Head man casts Right to start; second man casts Left.)
 - (8) Fountain: ladies circle Right and then Left back around center man. Center man raises both hands to make arches with outer men, who circle Left (using 3s) *all the way around* the ladies.
 - (16) Thread The Needle:
 - (8) Center man backs up and forms a ring — open between mistress and head lady — with the other 6 dancers, taking his wife with his Right and second lady with his Left. Head couple arches, and mistress leads all under arch, to reform the circle.
 - (8) Mistress and second man arch, and head lady leads all under arch, to reform the circle. On the last 2 bars, everyone returns to place.

- (24) 1st Figure: **Double Men's Chain, Long Swing.**
- (4) Head & second men each turn center lady in front of them; center man turns head lady.
 - (4) Head & second men turn partners; center man turns wife.
 - (4) Head & second men each turn other center lady (diagonally to the Right); center man crosses in front of second man to turn second lady.
 - (4) Head & second men turn partners; center man turns mistress.
 - (8) Long swing with partner in place; center man swings wife and mistress, with trio using Around The House hold.
- (56) Body: **Irish Square & Circles, Ladies Rights & Lefts, Men's Hey For 3, Fountain, Thread The Needle.**
- (24) 2nd Figure: **Arch & Telescope.**
- (2) Trio arches and advance; heads go through.
 - (2) All set.
 - (4) Heads & seconds do 1/2 Telescope with 1/2 turn by Right, while center man turns wife by Right elbow then mistress by Left elbow.
 - (2) Trio arches and advance; seconds go through.
 - (2) Heads & seconds do 1/2 turn by Right with partner.
 - (2) Trio arches and advance; heads go through.
 - (2) All set.
 - (4) Heads & seconds do 1/2 Telescope with 1/2 turn by Right, while center man turns mistress by Right elbow then wife by Left elbow.
 - (2) Trio arches and advance; seconds go through. (All have returned to home sides.)
 - (2) Heads & seconds do 1/2 turn by Right with partner.
- (56) Body: **Irish Square & Circles, Ladies Rights & Lefts, Men's Hey For 3, Fountain, Thread The Needle.**

- (40) 3rd Figure: **Circular Sheepskin Hey.**
Center man backs up and forms a ring with the other 6 dancers, with his wife on his Right and second lady on his Left. Meanwhile, head lady casts Right behind head man to begin. The next dancer (starting with head man) waits 4 bars before casting (as head lady did). Center man returns to place on last 2 bars.
- (56) Body: **Irish Square & Circles, Ladies Rights & Lefts, Men's Hey For 3, Fountain, Thread The Needle.**
- (32) Closing: **Bend The Ring & Circle.**

Caller's Notes for The Seven Cuckolds:

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