

Wives and Mistresses

A reel for a square set of four trios. Each trio is a man with a lady on either side of him. The lady to his right is his "wife" and the lady to the left is his "mistress." Composed 30 October 1995 by the Starry Plough advanced class.

(32) Opening: **Bend the Ring and Circle.**

(56) Body: **Slipsides, Stars and Sevens, Turn the Ladies, Squares & Diamonds, Arches.**

- (8) Slipsides: as in the Fairy Reel, the Men take their Wives and do 7s across the set while the Mistresses do 7s on their own side.
- (8) Repeat, but the Men take their Mistresses this time.
- (8) Stars and Sevens:
 - (4) Men do a Right Hand Star.
Meanwhile, the ladies do quick 7s with their co-partners.
 - (4) Men do a Left Hand Star.
Meanwhile, the ladies do quick 7s with their corners.
- (8) Turn the Ladies: Men turn their Wife by the Right, their Mistress by the Left, and their Wife again by the Right.
- (16) Squares and Diamonds: Head trios turn to face the trios on their right. Each set of six now does Squares and Diamonds as in the Fairy Reel. The men must keep their Diamond small and tight!
- (8) Arches: Each Trio, as in the Fairy Reel. Mistress leads.

(32) 1st Figure: **Advance & Retire and Around the House.**
Heads, then Sides. The hold for a trio Around the House is for all three to hold Right hands on top, and all hold left hands below.

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(32) 2nd Figure: **Ladies' Celtic Cross.**
Heads, then Sides. Wives start into the center, mistresses cast in place. Men rest and admire.

- (56) Body: **Slipsides, Stars and Sevens, Turn the Ladies, Squares & Diamonds, Arches.**
- (32) 3rd Figure: **Men's Chain** (in trios, and with Around the House). Heads, then Sides. The men turn both ladies each time. Right hands with both opposite ladies and Left to his own two ladies.
- (56) Body: **Slipsides, Stars and Sevens, Turn the Ladies, Squares & Diamonds, Arches.**
- (16) Closing: **Lead Around & Back.**
Mistresses on the inside. Everyone drops hands and turns to their own right to lead back.

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