

Maple Dancing

- Dance for 2 couples in a 4 couple longwise set 8x32 bar Reel
- 1-8 1st and 2nd couples set and rotate. 2nd lady and 1st man remain facing out, ready for...
- 9-16 2nd man and 1st lady pass left shoulders to start a reel of four across the dance.
- 17-18 2nd man and 1st lady turn half way left hands **while** 2nd lady and 1st man cast up or down on the sides.
- 19-20 2nd man and 1st lady turn partners once round giving right hands.
- 21-22 2nd man and 1st lady turn half way left hands **while** 2nd lady and 1st man cast up or down on the sides.
- 23-24 2nd and 1st men, and 2nd and 1st ladies turn giving right hands, finishing with 1st couple in 2nd place facing up and 2nd couple in 1st place facing down.
- 25-26 All set facing up and down on the sidelines.
- 27-28 All set to partners.
- 29-32 All turn (or spin) partners with right hand.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

Note: The reel of four starts with the left shoulder in the middle, which makes for slightly unusual timing.

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Pete Clark

Reel



Pete Clark auctioned a tune at a charity ceilidh in aid of the Kisoro School for the Blind in May 2001, and I was fortunate enough to be the highest bidder. The tune he wrote was a lively reel, which I named for our cat Maple. The back of a fiddle is made of maple wood, and the bow dances across it during the tune, so there is a pleasing musical tie-in.

This is my second attempt at a dance to go with the tune – the first dance was unexceptional and had some awkward sections, so I thought I'd try again. Like the first attempt, this is a two-couple dance.

Tune: Maple Dancing (Pete Clark)

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