

6.24 Reels of four

All reels of four are variations of the basic reel of four. Reels of four can be danced on the sidelines, across the set, diagonally, or up and down the middle of the set.

6.24.1 Reel of four on the sidelines

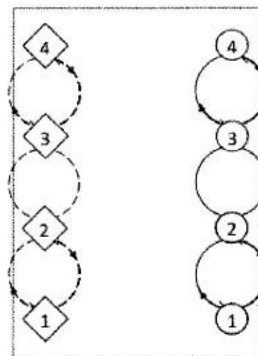
The pattern of the reel danced by the four women is described below. To begin 1st and 3rd women face down and 2nd and 4th women face up on the sidelines. The four men dance the same pattern at the same time.

Steps: 8 travelling steps

No. of bars: 8

Bars

- 1 1st and 2nd women, and 3rd and 4th women, dancing to the left on a curve, pass by the right.
- 2 1st and 4th women pass by the left while 2nd and 3rd women continue to dance to the right, round the loop, to finish 2nd woman facing down and 3rd woman facing up.
- 3 2nd and 4th women, and 1st and 3rd women, pass by the right.
- 4 2nd and 3rd women pass by the left while 4th and 1st women continue to dance to the right, round the loop, to finish 4th woman facing down and 1st woman facing up.
- 5 4th and 3rd women, and 2nd and 1st women, pass by the right.
- 6 4th and 1st women pass by the left while 3rd woman dances up and to the right, round the loop, to face down and 2nd woman dances down and to the right, round the loop, to face up.
- 7 3rd and 1st women, and 2nd and 4th women, pass by the right.
- 8 3rd and 2nd women pass by the left while 1st woman dances up to original place and 4th woman dances down to original place.



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Bar 1

Example: *Macleod's Fancy*, Book 33.3

Note: To finish, 1st woman pulls back by the left and 3rd woman by the right. Similarly in the men's reel, 4th man pulls back by the left and 2nd man by the right.