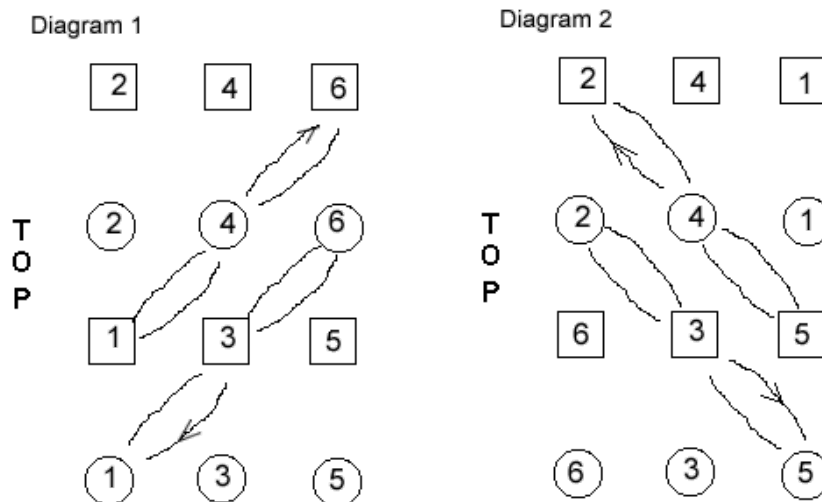


Tapsalteerie

Reel for six couples arranged in two sets of three couples.

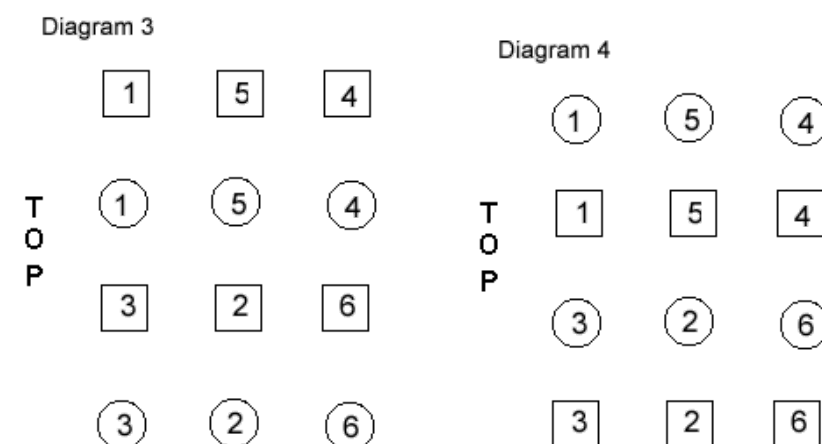
Tune: Cumberland Reel



All face partners at start.

1-4 Half reel of three on diagonals. Diagram 1.

3rd lady gives right shoulder to 1st man who changes places with 6th man. 4th man gives right shoulder to 6th lady who changes places with 1st lady. 4th man and 3rd lady pass left shoulder.



5-8 Half reel of three on opposite diagonals. Diagram 2.

3rd lady gives right shoulder to 5th man who changes places with 2nd man. 4th man gives right shoulder to 2nd lady who changes places with 5th lady. 4th man and 3rd lady return to places and turn to right to face partners.

9-16 3rd couple and 4th couple dance reel of four.

17-18 All set to partners.

19-20 3rd couple and 6th couple, 1st couple and 4th couple dance four hands across right hands to the opposite side, while 2nd couple and 5th couple change places with partners, giving right hands.

21-22 All set again.

23-24 6th couple and 2nd couple, 5th couple and 1st couple dance four hands across left hands to the opposite side, while 3rd and 4th couples change places with partners, giving left hands. Now at Diagram 3.

25-32 Six hands round and back for the middle dancers i.e. 1st, 5th and 4th men, and 3rd, 2nd and 6th ladies.

33-36 Middle dancers doing the circle "cast" to right and dance back to back with partners.

37-40 All give right hands to partners and change places. Now in places. Diagram 4.

Repeat from new places. 2nd man gives right shoulder to 3rd lady and 5th lady gives right shoulder to 4th man etc.

Six turns are needed so that everyone dances as a centre dancer.

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