

THE RUSSIAN DANCE

Set dance for 3 couples

PLAY AABBAB 3 TIMES

- A1 1 – 4** 1st man and 3rd woman cast into each others place.
5 – 8 1st woman and 3rd man cast into each others place.
- A2 1 – 4** 1st couple lead up and gates with 3rd couple at top, while 2nd couple cast to bottom and change sides. (All are now improper.)
5 – 8 1st couple cross over in middle place, man dance round 2nd woman into middle of a line of 3 facing up while 1st woman dance round 3rd man into a line of 3 facing down.
- B1** In lines set R. and L. twice. 3 men circle L. to finish in a line facing across the set with 1st man in the middle while 3 women do the same. (All are still improper.)
- B2** In lines set R. and L. twice and circle L. for 6 half way round. (All are now proper with 1st couple in middle place, 3rd couple at top and 2nd couple at bottom.)
- A3 1 – 4** 1st couple turn with R.H.
5 – 8 1st man turn 2nd woman L.H. while 1st woman turn 3rd man with L.H.
- B3 1 – 4** 1st man turn 3rd woman with R.H. while 1st woman turn 2nd man with R.H.
5 – 8 All turn partner 2 hands finishing proper. (Set is now 3.1.2).

Repeat the whole dance twice more.

Source: Thomas Wall's Manuscript of 1764