

Bonny Cuckoo

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Category: Modern English Country Dance

Formation: 4 couple longways set

Steps: Traveling waltz step except for 'balance' which is a waltz setting step forward and back.

Music: 4x 32b Waltz (own tune: "Sheebeg, Sheemore" by Turloch O'Carolan)

A 1-4 1s dance down the centre past two couples, cast up around one couple (*2s move up*);

5-6 1s cross over giving R-hand and face down,

7-8 1s change L-hand on the side with neighbour (3s);

9-12 4s dance up the centre past two couples; cast down around one couple

(*1s, in 3rd place, move down*);

13-14 4s cross over giving R-hand and face up,

15-16 4s change L-hand on the side with neighbour (3s);

The order is now 2431.

B 1-4 All circle Left half-way, (*hands joined in 'W' pos'n, at shoulder level*),

5-6 Balance toward the centre, and back.

7-8 Releasing hands, W balance fwd and back diagonally, moving one place R,
while M balance diagonally back and fwd, moving one place L;

9-12 Rejoin hands and all circle Right half-way,

13-14 All balance toward the centre, and back,

15-16 All 2-hand turn partner back to own side (*once, or once-and-a-half*);

The order is now 2341.

Repeat the dance three more times from new positions.

Source of dance notes:

<http://www.folkdancecamp.org/all-individual-dances//the-bonny-cuckoo?rq=Bonny%20Cuckoo>

'Bonny Cuckoo' is a song, sung to the tune of "Sheebeg and Sheemore," hence the name of the dance.

YouTube video: < https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=skDoeMxd8l8 >