

Portarlington Beckons

32-bar strathspey for five couples in a five-couple longwise set.

Description

Bars

- 1-2 All five couples set to partners.
- 3-4 1st couple cast off one place and finish facing in and down.
At the same time, 5th couple cast up one place and finish facing in and up.
At the same time, 2nd couple, giving left hands, cross up one place to finish in the middle of the dance level with first place retaining left hands, woman facing down, man facing up.
At the same time, 4th couple, giving right hands, cross down one place to finish in the middle of the dance level with fifth place retaining right hands, woman facing up, man facing down.
At the same time, 3rd couple, giving right hands, cross over and finish facing out and to their right.
- 5-8 1st, 3rd, and 5th couples dance half reels of three on the sides. 1st man and 3rd woman and 3rd man and 5th woman pass by the right to begin.
At the same time, 2nd couple, using joined left hands, turn once round to finish on opposite sides.
At the same time, 4th couple, using joined right hands, turn once round to finish on opposite sides.
- 9 -10 All five couples set to partners.
- 11-12 2nd couple cast off one place and finish facing in and down.
At the same time, 4th couple cast up one place and finish facing in and up.
At the same time, 5th couple, giving left hands, cross up one place to finish in the middle of the dance level with first place retaining left hands, woman facing down, man facing up.
At the same time, 1st couple, giving right hands, cross down one place to finish in the middle of the dance level with fifth place retaining right hands, woman facing up, man facing down.
At the same time, 3rd couple, giving right hands, cross over and finish facing out and to their right.
- 13-16 2nd, 3rd and 4th couples dance half reels of three on the sides. 2nd woman and 3rd man and 3rd woman and 4th man pass by the right to begin.
At the same time, 5th couple, using joined left hands, turn once round to finish on opposite sides.
At the same time, 1st couples, using joined right hands, turn once round to finish on opposite sides.
- 17-20 1st couple, giving right hands, cross over and cast up two places to finish in third place on own sides. 3rd and 2nd couples step down on bars 19-20.
- 21-24 1st couple, giving left hands, cross over and cast up two places to finish in first place on opposite sides. 5th and 4th couples step down on bars 23-24.
- 25-28 1st couple dance down to 5th place.

At the same time, 5th, 4th, and 3rd couples follow dancing up side lines to begin.
At the same time, 2nd couple dance up side lines to first place.

29-32 All five couples, giving both hands, turn partner. 3rd couple turn once round while the others turn one and a half. All finish on own sides.

Repeat with a new top couple.

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