

Eightsome Reel

Dancers stand beside partner in a square set, A's with partners on their right. Couple number 1 has their back to the music, other couples numbered clockwise.

CHORUS

All take 8 walking steps to circle to the left and 8 walking steps to circle to the right.

B's join right hands in a wheel, with A's joining partners facing the same way, and wheel round for 8 walking steps, bring the A's in to join left hands and wheel back for 8 walking steps.

All set twice to partners and turn with both hands.

All grand chain taking 4 walking steps to pass each person, beginning by passing partner right hand.

Part One

All take 8 walking steps to circle to the left and 8 walking steps to circle to the right while 1st B's dance a solo in the centre.

1st B's then set and turn partner.

1st B's then set and turn A's opposite partner.

1st B's with partner and A's opposite taking 16 walking steps either swing alternately or dance a figure of eight.

All take 8 walking steps to circle to the left and 8 walking steps to circle to the right while 1st B's dance a solo in the centre.

1st B's then set and turn 4th A's who was beside B's originally.

1st B's then set and turn 2nd A's.

1st B's with 4th and 2nd A's taking 16 walking steps either swing alternately or dance a figure of eight and 1st B's return to place.

Part One is now repeated for each of 2nd, 3rd and 4th B's, then again with each A's in turn

The dance then finishes with a repeat of the chorus

Please note that WALKING steps are assumed for quick time dances. If dancers wish to be more energetic and use skip change of step, then they would take half the number of steps.