

The Shearing of the Sheep

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(3 times)

Three couple set dance

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- A1 Women circle around their partner by going above, behind, and then below them. As they pass below their partners, they catch their hands and draw them into the set facing up. All up a double and back.
- A2 From center of dance, 1st couple cast off one place, 2nd couple turn up to 1st place, and 3rd couple turn half way to partner's side. 1st couple half figure-of-eight through 3rd couple below.
- B1 1st man arm right with 2nd woman while 1st woman arms right with 2nd man. Two hand turn with that person.
- B2 1st and 3rd couples set advancing to the center, then turn single back to place. 1st and 3rd couples circle half way to the left.
- C1 Men do a sheepskin hey as follows: 2nd man leads up and across the top of the set, skipping, with 3rd man and 1st man following, and weaves amongst the women, starting by going behind 2nd woman. The last person of the hey (1st man) will not weave behind 1st woman but will instead turn all the way around around 3rd woman. All are now weaving behind 1st man. In a similar fashion, the last person of the hey (3rd man) will not weave in front of 2nd woman but will instead turn all the way around 3rd woman. All are now weaving behind 3rd man. Again, the last person of the hey (2nd man) will not weave behind 1st woman but instead will turn all the way around 3rd woman. All are now weaving behind the original leader (2nd man). 2nd man (with the other men following) then finishes the weave by going in front of 2nd woman, leading the line of men down outside the women, across the bottom of the set, and back up to places.
- C2 Women (led by 2nd woman) dance a sheepskin hey through the men in a similar fashion. This should flow into the next repetition of the dance.