

Silk and Thistle

A 32 bar Medley for 3 couples

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This dance is for Susan and Douglas Jensen and the members of the "Silk and Thistle" class of the Chicago Branch of the RSCDS, for allowing me to be part of them on my visits to the "Barn" at FERMILAB in Batavia Illinois.

Bars

STRATHSPEY

- 1 - 4 1st and 3rd couples, Petronella Set half way round. 1st man and 3rd woman finish facing each other up and down the set.
- 5 - 8 2nd couple with 1st man and 3rd woman, dance left hands across once round. 1st man and 3rd woman, finish facing their partners up and down the dance. 2nd couple finish in 2nd place.
- 9 - 16 1st and 3rd couples dance a Reel of four, finishing on their own sides.

REEL

- 17 - 24 All clap. 1st couple followed by 2nd couple, nearer hands joined, dance down below 3rd couple, cast up around 3rd couple and into the middle, dance up to the top and cast off into 2nd place. 2nd couple finish in top place.
- 25 - 26 2nd man and 3rd woman cross by the right.
- 27 - 28 2nd woman and 3rd man cross by the right, while 2nd man and 3rd woman dance a wide loop, ready to cross back again.
- 29 - 30 2nd man and 3rd woman cross back to place while 2nd woman and 3rd man dance a loop.
- 31 - 32 2nd woman and 3rd man cross by the right, back to place.

MEANWHILE

- 25 - 32 1st couple chase clockwise around 2nd and 3rd couples to finish in 2nd place on their own sides.

Repeat, having passed a couple

NOTE: On the last two bars of the second time through, 4th man crosses to 3rd place, 4th woman steps up to 3rd place and 1st couple finishes the chase in 4th place on their own sides, to complete the "drop to the bottom"

Suggested Music: "Glasgow Country Dance" on BRG 003 - Bobby Brown