

JUMP JIM JO (America)



OPENING FORMATION: Couples in a circle, with man's back to center of the circle. Both hands are joined.

WORDS: "Jump, jump, oh jump, Jim Jo,
Take a little whirl, and around you go,
Slide, slide and stamp just so,
You're a sprightly little fellow
When you jump, Jim Jo."

(Alternate words for the last two lines are:

"Then you take another partner
And you jump, Jim Jo.")

DANCE: "Jump, jump, oh jump, Jim Jo"—
Dancers jump to the side in a counterclock-
wise direction with 2 slow jumps, followed
by 3 quick jumps in place.

"Take a little whirl, and around you go"—

Dropping hands to sides, each turns in place,
to the right, with 4 slow jumps, once around.
(Alternate version: man twirls the lady under
joined right hands.)

"Slide, slide and stamp just so"—Couples
rejoin hands and slide slowly counterclock-
wise twice, then stamp feet 3 times.

"Then you take another partner, and you
jump, Jim Jo"—Each dancer moves to his
right with 4 light running steps and then
jumps quickly, 3 times. Repeat dance from
beginning with new partner.

VARIATION: Instead of the two slow slides in a
counterclockwise direction, couples may run
around in place with a two-hand hold and
stay with the same partner for the 3 quick
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