

LADS OF KILDARE

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Formation: Contra lines, 1, 4, 7, etc., couples active, not crossed over.

Music: Any well phrased 64 count Reel or Hornpipe

To prompt this dance:

Intro - - - - , Actives turn right once and a half
 1-8 - - - - , Left to the next once and a half
 9-16 - - - - , To the next below and do sa do
 17-24 - - - - , Those four circle left
 25-32 - - - - , Active couple swing in the middle
 33-40 - - Face up, - - come up to place
 41-48 - - Cast off, - - right and left thru
 49-56 - - - - , - - Right and left back*

Caller indicates ON AT THE HEAD every third sequence through the dance.

As the dancers learn the figure, less prompting is necessary. For example:

57-64 - - - - , - - Actives right
 1-8 - - - - , - - Left with the next
 9-16 - - - - , - - To the next do sa do
 17-24 - - - - , - - Circle
 25-32 - - - - , - - Actives swing
 33-40 - - - - , - - Come up to place
 41-48 - - - Cast off, - - - Right and left
 49-56 - - - - , - - - Back

Note: This superb Contra is sometimes danced with the swing preceding the circle of four. Enjoy it either way!