

String of Pearls (East Coast swing)

Dance mixer designed by Jerry Duke

Music: "String of Pearls" on North American Dances CD

Music is 4:4, dance step sequence count is 1, 2, 3, & or, SSQQ

Leader (Le) step sequence is L(1), R(2), in place, L bkwd(3), R in place(&)

Follower (Fo) on opposite feet. Partners step away from each other on 3, return on &.

Position: Circle of couples in social dance position leader facing center. This will change to double hand-hold swing position.

Step sequences:

4 - **Semi-open position**, full turn in place, CCW for 3 sequences, Fo arch under to swing position (facing,

double hand to hand hold) on first 2 cts of last sequence

1 - **Fo arch under** to outside of circle (man to inside)

1 - **Return arch** by turning the opposite direction while passing under the same arm, to original position.

2 - Two **basic sequences** facing each other with double hand hold

2 - Two **Butterfly pivots** (change places by stepping closer and pivoting $\frac{1}{2}$ CW on first step. Le lifts

arms to the sides, while holding hands, and lifts R foot behind to help the pivot.

1 - **Leader brush-off** - Change places as Le guides Fo to pass to the R of Le, as Le turns to L and drops the

hand hold during the turn. Take one hand-hold, R to R at the end.

1 - **Return Brush-off** - Le guides Fo to Le R as Le lifts R arm for arch under while Le turns to L, (back-to-

back), drops hand hold as Fo goes under the arch, to the center, turns $\frac{1}{2}$ L, and faces next partner.

(Each person should now be in the original facing to begin with new partner)