

The "Russian Fling" Reel

Reel – 32 Bars – 4 Couples in a Longwise Rotating Set.

Suggested Music – Reel Medley on Bobby Brown's "Grandfather Mountain Gala."

Bars

- 1 – 2 1st and 4th C. Set facing diagonally across the dance.
- 3 – 4 1st and 4th C. dance Half Right Hands Across. Finish approx. in diag. opposite places facing out.
- 5 – 6 1st and 4th C. Cast to the middle of the set, to face each other on the sidelines. 2nd and 3rd C. move up or down respectively.
- 7 – 8 1st and 4th M. turn once round giving right hands. 1st and 4th W. turn once round giving left hands; ready to flow into:
- 9 – 12 Half Reels of Four on the sidelines. To begin, 1st and 4th M. give left shoulder to 2nd and 3rd W. respectively; 1st and 4th W. give right shoulder to 2nd and 3rd M. respectively.
Finish in order 3, 1, 4, 2. 1st and 4th C. on opposite sides.
- 13 – 16 2 Half Double Figures of Eight. To begin – 3rd C. Cross Down; 1st C. Cast Up; 4th Cross Down; 2nd C. Cast Up. (Just continue from the Reels into the Figures of Eight). Finish in order 3,1,4,2. 3rd and 2nd C. on opposite sides.
- 17 – 20 1st and 4th C. Cross Over giving right hand to partner, Cast up or down on opposite sides (1st C. up and 4th C. down), and begin to dance in towards partner at top and bottom of the set (outside set).
Meanwhile – 2nd and 3rd C. dance – Set 1 Pas de Basque (RF) facing across the dance, Cross Over giving right hand to partner, 2 skip change LF and RF, Set 1 Pas de Basque (LF) facing partner.
- 21 – 24 1st and 4th C. taking right hand with partner lead up or down the middle to meet, and dance 1/4 Right Hands Across to finish on own sides, with 4th C. in second place and 1st C. in third place.
Meanwhile – 2nd and 3rd C., turning to face up and down on the sidelines, repeat Bars 17–20. Finish in order 2,4,1,3, all on own sides and facing across the dance.
- 25 – 28 All join hands on the sideline, Set 1 Pas de Basque RF; dance 6 Slip Steps to the Left making a circle. Circle halfway round.
- 29 – 30 All Set 1 Pas de Basque LF still holding hands on a circle, then dance 2 Slip Steps 1/4 way round to the right. The Set having turned 1/4 clockwise.
- 31 – 32 All Set 2 Pas de Basques RF and LF to form two straight lines ready to begin again.

Repeat the dance three more times, turning 1/4 each time to finish in original positions.

Dance devised in April 1988 to commemorate the visit of "A Russian Fling" tour, led by Mr Bob Blackie, Canada, to Stockholm in May 1988.