

Seashells

A 40 bar hornpipe for three couples

Bars

- 1-4 First, second, and third couples cross giving right hands and, joining nearer hands, set.
- 5-8 Retaining nearer hands, all three couples advance and retire.
- 9-16 First and second couples dance right hands across halfway and set. First and third couples dance left hands across halfway and set.
- 17-24 First couple, followed by thirds, dance down the middle. Third couple, followed by first, dance up the middle. On bars 23 & 34, third couple cast off to third place, and first couple continue up to second place, facing out.
- 25-28 First man turns third woman with right hand (nearer) while first woman turns third man with left hand (nearer). First couple meet in middle and, joining nearer hands, dance up between second couple. Thirds finish in third place.
- 29-30 First man turns second woman with right hand (nearer) while first woman turns second man with left hand (nearer).
- 31-32 First couple turn halfway with right hands to finish in second place. Turn halfway, rather than crossing, permits dancers to change from skip change to slipping step more smoothly.)
- 33-40 Circle six and back.

Repeat, having passed a couple

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This dance grew from the scallops recipe.