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# The Mazurka Set

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## Mazurka Set - Figure 1

Figure 1 - Little Christmas

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Opening Position: All dancers face to centre, joining hands in a circle.

A	Circle	Advance and retire twice.	8 bars
B	Figure	<p><u>(a) SWING</u>: All four couples swing in place (8 bars).</p> <p><u>(b) HOUSE</u>: 1ST TOPS dance around the house inside (8 bars).</p> <p><u>(c) LITTLE CHRISTMAS</u>: Couple who have danced house turn to couple on their left, and form a tight circle with them, arms behind each other's backs. The dance in a circle clockwise, and the other two couples do likewise (8 bars).</p> <p><u>(d) HOUSE</u>: All four couples dance house around (8 bars).</p>	32 bars
C	Figure	Repeat B. [1ST SIDES dance house at (b)].	32 bars
D	Figure	Repeat B. [2ND TOPS dance house at (b)].	32 bars
E	Figure	Repeat B. [2ND SIDES dance house at (b)]. Last two bars of final house around should be doubled. i.e. The ladies instead of dancing normally (R L R - L R L - R) would dance: R - L - R - L - R. The gents, instead of dancing normally (L R L - R L R - L) would dance: L - R - L - R - L.	32 bars

## Mazurka Set - Figure 2

### Figure 2 - Advance & Retire

Opening Position: All dancers face to centre, joining hands in a circle.

A	Circle	Advance and retire twice.	8 bars
B	Figure	<p><u>(a) SWING:</u> All four couples swing in place (8 bars).</p> <p><u>(b) HOUSE:</u> 1ST TOPS dance around the house inside (8 bars).</p> <p><u>(c) ADVANCE &amp; RETIRE:</u> The couples who have danced house face the couple to their left. These two couples advance towards each other retire, twice. The other two couples do likewise. 8 bars.</p> <p><u>(d) HOUSE:</u> All four couples dance house around (8 bars).</p>	32 bars
C	Figure	Repeat B. [1ST SIDES dance house at (b)].	32 bars
D	Figure	Repeat B. [2ND TOPS dance house at (b)].	32 bars
E	Figure	Last two bars of final house around should be doubled, as in first figure.	32 bars

## Mazurka Set - Figure 3

Figure 3 - High Gates

Reels - 144 bars

Opening Position: All dancers face to centre, joining hands in a circle.

A	Circle	Advance and retire twice.	8 bars
B	Figure	<p><u>(a) SWING:</u> All four couples swing in place (8 bars).</p> <p><u>(b) HOUSE:</u> 1ST TOPS dance around the house inside (8 bars).</p> <p><u>(c) HIGH GATES:</u> The gent of the couple who have danced house raises his partner's right hand with his left hand and reaches under the raised arms with his right hand to take the right hand of the lady from the couple to their left and bring her through. (She keeps dancing around 1st tops couple anti-clockwise until it is her turn to pass through again.</p> <p>Then 1st tops lady passes under her partner's right arm, followed by her partner. Dancing around, 1st tops lady again passes under her partner's right arm, followed by her partner. Finally the lady from the other couple, still holding the hand of the 1st tops gent, passes under the gent's left, and lady's right arms of 1st tops couple.</p> <p>Having danced completely around 1st tops she should pass through this time in the opposite direction to the first time, heading back towards her partner (8 bars).</p> <p><u>(d) HOUSE:</u> All four couples dance house around (8 bars).</p>	32 bars
C	Figure	Repeat B. [1ST SIDES dance house at (b)].	32 bars
D	Figure	Repeat B. [2ND TOPS dance house at (b)].	32 bars
E	Figure	Repeat B. [2ND SIDES dance house at (b)]. The last two bars of final house around should be doubled, as in first figure.	32 bars

## Mazurka Set - Figure 4

Figure 4 - Swing

Reels - 128 bars

Opening Position: All dancers face to centre, joining hands in a circle.

A	Circle	Advance and retire twice.	8 bars
B	Figure	<p><u>(a) SWING:</u> All four couples swing in place (8 bars).</p> <p><u>(b) HOUSE:</u> 1ST TOPS dance around the house inside (8 bars).</p> <p><u>(c) SWING:</u> 1ST &amp; 2ND TOPS GENTS swing with all four ladies in turn, starting with the ladies to their left. All four couples swing for last 8 bars (32 bars).</p> <p><u>(d) HOUSE:</u> All four couples dance house around (8 bars).</p>	56 bars
C	Figure	Repeat B. [SIDE COUPLES & SIDE GENTS dance the movements at (b) and (c)]. The last two bars of final house around should be doubled, as in first figure.	56 bars

## Mazurka Set - Figure 5

Figure 5 - Chain

Reels - 176 bars

Opening Position: All dancers face to centre, joining hands in a circle.

A	Circle	Advance and retire twice.	8 bars
B	Figure	<p><u>(a) SWING</u>: All four couples swing in place (8 bars).</p> <p><u>(b) HOUSE</u>: 1ST TOPS dance around the house inside (8 bars).</p> <p><u>(c) CHAIN</u>: Ladies dancing clockwise, and gents anti-clockwise, all dancers chain around, starting at their own partners with right hands, until they reach their own places again and swing in place to finish (16 bars).</p> <p><u>(d) HOUSE</u>: All four couples dance house around (8 bars).</p>	40 bars
C	Figure	Repeat B. [1ST SIDES dance house at (b)].	40 bars
D	Figure	Repeat B. [2ND TOPS dance house at (b)].	40 bars
E	Figure	Repeat B. [2ND SIDES dance house at (b)]. The last two bars of final house around should be doubled, as in first figure.	40 bars

## Mazurka Set - Figure 6

Figure 6 - Face The Wall

Opening Position: All dancers face to centre, joining hands in a circle.

A	Circle	Advance and retire twice.	8 bars
B	Figure	<p><u>(a) SWING</u>: All four couples swing in place. 8 bars</p> <p><u>(b) HOUSE &amp; LINE-UP</u>: 1ST TOPS and the couple to their left (1ST SIDES) dance house around each other and end up facing out of the set in 1st tops direction, 1st tops first and 1st sides behind them. (8 bars) The other two couples repeat this movement and end up lined up behind the first two couples (8 bars). 16 bars.</p> <p>Starting from the couple in whose direction the line is facing, the other three couples should always be lined up behind them in the order that they come as you go clockwise around the set from that couple, gents on the left, ladies on the right.</p> <p><u>(c) ARCH</u>: Gents circle off to the left, and ladies to the right, making a tight circle. They pass through their starting positions once and go around again. When the leading couple come around to the starting position the second time they face each other and form an arch with their arms. (8 bars). 16 bars.</p> <p><u>(d) HOUSE</u>: All four couples dance house around (8 bars).</p>	48 bars
C	Figure	Repeat B. [1ST SIDES & 2ND TOPS dance house at (b)]. Line faces out of set in direction of 1st sides.	48 bars
D	Figure	Repeat B. [2ND TOPS & 2ND SIDES dance house at (b)]. Line faces out of set in direction of 2nd tops.	48 bars
E	Figure	Repeat B. [2ND SIDES & 1ST TOPS dance house at (b)]. Line faces out of set in direction of 2nd sides. The last two bars of final house around should be doubled, as in first figure.	48 bars

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