

THE ESSENTIAL
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pattern for figures 1–4

Lead around.

Swing.

Dance the figure as indicated below.

House.

1 square

reels 160

a 1st top gent and opposite lady pass left shoulders and swing.

b Tops square.

c All swing your corner.

d All dance home and swing your partner.

e Dance **a** through **d** with 2nd top gent active.

Dance **a** through **e** with sides active.

2 turn the lady under

reels 192

a 1st tops dance in.

Turn the lady on the spot.

Pass each other and line up.

b All advance and retire.

c All swing.

Dance **a** through **c** with 2nd tops active; then 1st sides, 2nd sides.

3 big christmas

reels 144

a Ladies advance and retire twice.

b Gents advance and retire twice.

c Lead around with gents' left hands in the center; lead back.

d Big Christmas to the left and back.

e Swing.

Repeat **a** through **e**.

4 little christmas

reels 192

- a 1st tops dance in.
- b Tops lead around to the **left**.
- c Tops star and little Christmas with couple on left.
- d All swing.
- e Repeat **a** through **d**; this time 2nd tops dance in, lead around, star, and Christmas to the **right**.

Repeat **a** through **e** with sides active.

6 lineup

reels 192

- a Chain all around, swinging partner on opposite side of set.
- b Line up facing 1st tops' position. (The couple to the left of the active couple is behind them in the line.)
- c Ladies and gents dance apart, forming lines at sides.
- d Advance and retire twice.
- e Dance home and swing.

Repeat **a** through **e** facing 2nd tops' position, then 1st sides' position, then 2nd sides'.