

The Rocky Mountain Reel

*Devised by
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*32-bar reel
for 4 couples
in a 4-couple set*

*3rd and 4th couples
start on opposite
sides.*

*Written for my dancing
and hiking friends, with
whom I have enjoyed
many good trips to the
beautiful Rocky
Mountains.*

- Dorothy Hargreaves

1 - 4

1st couple turn with right hands and cast off on their own sides to 2nd place while 4th couple dance similarly, casting up to 3rd place. 2nd and 3rd couples step up or down on bars 3 - 4.

5 - 8

1st and 4th couples set and dance right hands across halfway. 1st man and 4th woman remain facing out and down on the women's side, and 4th man and 1st woman remain facing out and up on the men's side.

9 - 16

All dance right-shoulder reels of three on the sides with 1st man and 4th woman, also 4th man and 1st woman, dancing in tandem. As 1st man and 4th woman change direction at the end of the reel, 4th woman takes over the lead, and 1st man resumes the lead as they change direction at the other end.

Similarly, 4th man, then 1st woman, then 4th man lead on the men's side. All finish in the same positions as at the start of the reel (2, 4 1, 3).

17 - 24

1st and 4th couples dance right hands across and left hands back. 1st woman and 4th man remain facing out and down on the men's side, and 4th woman and 1st man remain facing out and up on the women's side.

25 - 32

All dance left-shoulder reels of three, in tandem, on the sides. Dancing couples alternate the lead once again

The finishing order is 2, 4, 1, 3, with bottom two couples on opposite sides.

Repeat from new places.