

Forward and Back

The dancers take three steps forward, usually starting with the right foot, and the fourth step is a "close step" - bringing the back foot up to the other foot. Then they take four steps backward to their original place.

Grand Right and Left

The Gent and Lady take the right hand of their partner with their right hand, pull by their partner on the right, and let go of the hand when their shoulders are even with that person. Then they extend their left hand to the next Lady or Gent in front of them, take the left hand, and let go as they pass that person. The Gents and Ladies keep going around the circle, the Gents going counterclockwise and the Ladies clockwise, giving right hand to the next Lady or Gent before them in the circle and passing by, with the left hand to the next, and so on, passing their partner on the other side of the square and continuing until they meet their original partner in their original position. This figure is often preceded by Allemande Left.



Grand Right and Left

Home Position

The position of each couple at the start of the dance.

Honor Your Partner

The Gent bows, and the Lady curtsies or nods.

Line of Direction or Line of Dance

This refers to the direction in which the dancers move around the room. It often is referred to as Clockwise or Counterclockwise with relation to the center of the dance floor. For most couple dances, the line of direction is counterclockwise.