

CUMBERLAND SQUARE

(English)

Cumberland is a county in the northwest of England on the Scottish border. This dance was introduced to the Federation by May Gadd, National Director of the Country Dance Society of America.

MUSIC: Records: Methodist 109A "My Love She's But a Lassie Yet." Folkcraft 1143.
Piano: "My Love She's But a Lassie Yet" or any comparable tune of same tempo.

FORMATION: Square formation, couples in closed position, M with L shoulder and W with R shoulder to center of square.

STEPS: Sliding step, walking step, buzz step*, polka* or skip step*.

| Music (4/4) | | Pattern |
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| | Measure | I. Slide Across and Back |
| A | 1-4 | Head couples take 8 sliding steps across to opposite place, M passing back to back. |
| | 5-8 | Keeping same position, return to own place with 8 sliding steps, W passing back to back. |
| | 1-8 | Side couples cross and return as described for head couples in meas. |
| | (Repeat) | A 1-8. |
| | | II. Star |
| B | 1-4 | Head couples join R hands in center forming a R hand star, walk fwd 8 steps in clockwise direction. |
| | 5-8 | Changing to L hand star, walk 8 steps in counterclockwise direction, returning to place. |
| | 1-8 | Side couples repeat same action as described for head couples in meas. |
| | (Repeat) | B 1-8. |
| | | III. Basket |
| A | 1-8 | Head couples form basket in this manner: All step to center, W hook arms thru arms of M on either side and join hands across with opposite W. M join hands behind W back. All this is done simultaneously. |
| | 1-8 | In basket formation circle to L with 16 buzz steps, R ft. crossed in front of L. |
| | (Repeat) | Side couples form basket and circle L with 16 buzz steps. |
| | | IV. Circle and Promenade |
| B | 1-8 | All join hands and move to L with 16 skip or 8 polka steps. |
| | 1-8 | Arm in arm with partner, promenade counterclockwise to place with 16 walking steps. |
| | (Repeat) | |