

CUMBERLAND SQUARE (English)

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

MUSIC: Records: Methodist 109A "My Love She's But a Lassie Yet"
English Columbia DB2259, Folkraft 1209.

Piano: "My Love She's But a Lassie Yet" or any comparable tune of the 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

Measures

Pattern

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| | I. <u>Slide Across and Back</u> |
| A 1-4 | Head cpls take 8 sliding steps across to opp. 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 |
| (Repeat) | cpls in meas A 1-8. |
| | II. <u>Star</u> |
| B 1-4 | Head cpls join R hands in center forming a R hand star, walk fwd 8 steps in CW direction. |
| 5-8 | Changing to L hand star, walk 8 steps in CCW direction, returning to place. |
| 1-8 | Side cpls repeat same action as described for head |
| (Repeat) | cpls in meas B 1-8. |
| | III. <u>Basket</u> |
| A 1-8 | Head cpls form basket in this manner: All step to ctr, W hook arms thru arm of M on either side and join hands across with opp. 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 with 16 buzz steps L. |
| | IV. <u>Circle and Promenade</u> |
| B 1-8 | All join hands and move to L with 16 skip steps or 8 polka steps. |
| 1-8 | Arm in arm with partner, promenade CCW to place |
| (Repeat) | with 16 walking steps. |