



Cotton-Eyed Joe

Description: Couples' Circle Dance (32 count)

Choreographer: Unknown (traditional)

Music: "Cotton-Eyed Joe" by Rednex; "Beer" by Mark David Manders

Couples form a circle (leader on inside, follower on outside), facing the line of dance and progressing counter-clockwise.

Cape position:

Leader's right hand holds follower's right hand just outside right shoulder; leader's left hand holds follower's left hand in front of left shoulder.

CROSS, KICK, TRIPLE STEP (4X)

1, 2 Cross L foot over R; kick out with L
3 & 4 Triple step backwards (LRL)
5, 6 Cross R foot over L; kick out with R
7 & 8 Triple step backwards (RLR)
9–16 Repeat 1–8

SHUFFLE FORWARD (8X)

1 & 2 Shuffle forward (LRL)
3 & 4 Shuffle forward (RLR)
5 & 6 Shuffle forward (LRL)
7 & 8 Shuffle forward (RLR)
9–16 Repeat 1–8

REPEAT

Other variations:

- *During the first 16 steps, try doing 1/4 turns or 1/2 turns together on the triple steps*
- *During the second 16 steps, try doing overhead turns with the follower while traveling*