

Frank Bennett's Jig

32 bar jig for three couples in a four couple longwise set

Bars	Description
1 - 4	1st woman dances down to below 3rd woman and casts up behind 3rd woman to finish between 2nd and 3rd women, as 1st man dances down behind the men to below 3rd man and dances up in front of 3rd man to finish between 2nd and 3rd men facing out. 2nd couple do not step up.
5-8	1st man followed by 1st woman casts up behind 2nd man and across through 1st place to end in first place on opposite sides, with 1st man facing out and 1st woman facing in.
9 - 16	1st and 2nd couples dance a reel of four across the set. To begin 1st and 2nd women pass left shoulder as 1st man dances down and 2nd man dances up to enter the reel. (1x,2,3)
17 - 18	1st and 3rd couples set.
19 - 20	1st couple cast to 3rd place, while 3rd couple, without giving hands, cross up to 2nd place and 2nd couple step up.
21 - 24	3rd and 1st couples set, and dance right hands across halfway round. (2,1,3 all on own side)
25 - 32	2nd, 1st and 3rd couples dance six hands round and back.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

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Music: Frank Bennett's Jig by John Renton.

Additional teaching notes

1-4: 1st man does not cast; he just dances straight down behind the men.

9-16: The reel should be between 1st and 2nd place. At the start of the reel, the women take a long first step so as to pass the men right shoulder on bar 2. At the end of the reel, after passing left shoulder, as the men go into place they pull back left shoulder ie the easy way in (no loops).

19-20: When 3rd couple cross up, the woman pulls right shoulder back and the man left shoulder back as they go into place ie the easy way in (no loops).

This jig was third runner up in London Branch's 90th Anniversary Dance Devising Competition – the patterns depict this

1-8: 1st couple are dancing parallel 9s and travelling to/in London.

9-16: The River Thames.

17-24: Busy people in London.

25-32: The 0 to go with the 9 at the start making 90 and also the London Eye.

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