

17. The Falkirk Wheel

A 32 bar strathspey in a four couple set

Bars:

- 1 - 8 Giving Right hands 1st and 4th couples cross and cast one place. On bars 3 and 4, 2nd couple step up, 3rd couple step down.
- 1st and 4th couples dance a half figure of eight round 2nd and 3rd couples
Order 2, 1, 4, 3.
- 9 - 16 Double Tournée –
1st and 2nd couples in tandem dance a 1st couple's track. 1st couple followed by 2nd couple dance down the men's side, 1st couple to fourth place, 2nd couple to third place and turn Left hand.
- WHILE
- 4th and 3rd couples in tandem dance a 2nd couple's track. 4th couple followed by 3rd couple dance up the women's side, 4th couple to first place, 3rd couple to second place and turn Right hand.
Order 4,3,2,1.
- 17 - 20 1st couple with nearer hands joined dance to top to finish in the middle facing up. 4th, 3rd and 2nd couples step down on bars 19 - 20.
- 21 - 24 1st couple cast to fourth place
- WHILE
- 2nd couple followed by 3rd and 4th couples, who dance down the side to begin, with nearer hands joined, dance up.
- 25 - 32 2nd and 3rd couples Right hands across and out to sidelines then Left hands across. 4th and 1st couples Left hands across and out to sidelines then Right hands across. Dancers come in shoulder to shoulder as they meet in the centre.

Suggested music – Colin Dewar's Special Requests 7, track 16 (set of strathspeys)

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