

The Merry Widow

32 reel for three couples in a four-couple longwise set

Bars	Description
1-8	1st couple, cross (right hand), cast off one place, cross (left hand), and cast off again to finish below the 3rd couple, on own sides. 2nd and 3rd couple do not move up.
9-12	1st couple cast to the top, while 2nd and 3rd couple advance and retire.
13-16	1st couple cross (right hand) and cast off one place, 2nd couple step up. 1st couple finish back-to-back in the middle, facing opposite sides.
17-24	2nd, 1st, 3rd couples dance double triangles. 1st couple finish in 2nd place, own sides.
25-32	2nd, 1st, 3rd couples dance 6 hands round and back. Repeat having passed a couple.

Music: For Old Tymes Sake track 9 - Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent Band

A *merry widow* could be a previously married woman enjoying herself dancing. A merry widow is also another name for a corset. In this dance we have:

- The Lacing - bars 1-8
- Cinching In - bars 9-12
- Tying the Knot - bars 13-16
- The Shape (and the Strain!) - bars 17-24
- Relief (and a return to the previous shape!) - bars 25-32

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E-cribs Team Comment:

- original instructions from the Wayback Machine on August 23, 2007;
- nothing has been changed in the description itself;
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