

# THE BIRKS OF LAFAYETTE

## A 32 Bar Jig for Three Couples

- Bars 1 - 4 First couple dance toward each other, and touching nearer hands, cast off into second place. Second couple step up on bars 3 and 4.
- Bars 5 - 8 First and second couple dance right hands across in a wheel.
- Bars 9 - 12 First couple dance toward each other, and touching nearer hands, cast off into third place. Third couple step up on bars 11 and 12.
- Bars 13 - 16 First and third couple dance left hands across in a wheel.
- Bars 17 - 20 First couple, left hands joined, dance up to the top and cast into second place. Third couple step down on bars 19 and 20.
- Bars 21 - 24 Second, first, and third couples turn partner with right hand.
- Bars 25 - 32 Second, first, and third couples circle six hands round and back.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

Devised by Claudette Sigg, November 1999

**The Birks of Lafayette** was created to celebrate the Millennium at a New Year's Eve party given in Berkeley on December 31, 1999, and hosted by the Berkeley and Lafayette RSCDS classes.

*Although "birks is meant to be an allusion to "Berkeley," the word itself has a number of interesting definitions: the first definition given in The Concise Scots Dictionary says "birks" are birch trees or a small wood consisting of birches. The second definition uses the word as a verb meaning to move energetically or restlessly! The third, a noun, describes a stout, well-built boy or lad. "Birkie" can also refer to a smart fellow, a conceited fellow, or a sharp-tongued, quick tempered person, usually a woman. As a adjective, "birkie means 'lively and spirited' - or a sharp tongued tart! "Birkie" is also a card game, namely beggar-my-neighbour. Pick whatever amuses you!*

**Recommended Music:** *Harvester's Jig*, second tune in *Set of Jigs* on Barbara McOwen's *Dances frae the North*, Volumes 1,3,3.

THE BIRKS OF LAFAYETTE				Sigg J32	
↑	<sup>-21-</sup> RA	↑	<sup>-31-</sup> LA	↺ ↑	<sup>-213-</sup> T
					⊙

---

Copyright © 1999 by Claudette Sigg. All rights reserved. Permission is granted for verbatim reproduction and non-profit distribution of this leaflet provided that this notice remains intact.

---