

# TRADITIONAL FIGURES FOR MODERN SINGERS

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**VISITING FIGURES:** In each case repeat the figure for the Second, Third and Fourth couples.

<p><b>FRENCH EIGHT FIGURE:</b>          #1s go across, pick up #3s and bring in          Push them home and return back to home          #2s go across, pick up #4s and bring in          Push them home and return back to home          All Circle Left          Allemande Left and Promenade</p> <p>2nd Fig: #3s pick up #1s &amp; #4s pick up #2s</p>	<p><b>GO UPTOWN:</b>          First Couple go Uptown          Bring that Other Couple Down          Back Uptown you go          They arch and First Dive Thru          First Couple Separate around Outside          Meet your partner &amp; Turn by the Right          All Allemande Left and Promenade</p>
<p><b>PROMENADE THE RING (Solomon Levi):</b>          First couple separate around outside track          Pass your partner over there,          Pass partner coming back          Bow to your Corner, and to your Partners all          Partner Dosado (or Swing)          Take partners hands and Promenade the hall</p>	<p><b>PUSH OLE MA AND PUSH OLE PA:</b>          Couple 1 across and Split 2 around one          Stand behind same gender, push in, Swing          Couple 2 across and Split 2 around one          Stand behind same gender, push in, Swing          Couple 3 across and Split 2 around one          Stand behind same gender, push in, Swing          All Circle Left to Home          (Those pushed Swing then take vacant spot.)</p>
<p><b>HOT TIME:</b>          First couple Lead Right and Circle Four          Gent #1 pick up Couple 3 and Circle Six          Gent #1 pick up Couple 4 and Circle Eight          -----          Allemande Left          [Swing and ] Promenade</p>	<p><b>ROLLING STARS:</b>          First couple Lead Right          Make a Right Hand Star          First couple on to the next and Star Left          On to the last for a Right Hand Star          Home you go, All Circle Left          Allemande Left and Promenade</p>
<p><b>DIP AND DIVE:</b>          #1s Lead Right, Circle Half          Dip &amp; Dive (6 dives, all the way over &amp; back)          -----          Dive Thru on to the right          Circle Half, Dive Thru          All [Swing and] Promenade</p>	<p><b>TUNNEL:</b>          Couple 1 Separate around the outside          When you meet you Dosado          Other 3 Couples make a tunnel          (#3 face, others step ahead)          Couple #1 Thru the Tunnel          All Allemande Left          Grand Right and Left, Promenade</p>
<p><b>VENUS AND MARS:</b>          Promenade, Couple #1 up the Center,          Ladies go right, Gents left to Venus &amp; Mars,          Lady in front to Exchange the Stars,          Lady in front to Change them back          Pick up partner Star Promenade home</p>	<p><b>NEWFOUNDLAND REEL THE SET:</b>          Couple 1 California Twirl, #2 Behind, #4 next          then # 3. All face partner and back away          Couple 1 Reel the Set          (Turn partner right arm, opposite gender left          arm, partner right arm, next opposite left, etc.)          Swing to Home (each couple adjust to home)</p>

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<p><b>SASHAY CIRCLE:</b>          Head couples Pass Thru and Separate around outside to home, join both hands          Head couples Sashay Circle          (Join both hands and Sashay across boys back-to-back then home girls back-to-back)          All Circle Left,          Allemande Left and Promenade</p>	<p><b>SHOOT THE OWL:</b>          Head Gents Lead Right, Circle 3 Halfway          Sides Arch, send him under to Opposite Lady          Turn her by the Right, once around          On to the next and Circle 3 Halfway around          Sides Arch and send him home          All Swing and Promenade</p> <p>Repeat for Side Gents, Head &amp; Side Ladies</p>
<p><b>LADY LEAD AROUND:</b>          Head Lady lead her partner between the couple on their right and around the lady          Then between &amp; around the gent.          Head Ladies Pass By (right shoulder),          Lead between the others &amp; around the Gent          And then between and around the lady          All Circle Left          Allemande Left, Promenade</p>	<p><b>LADY ROUND THE LADY:</b>          Head Lady lead partner to right &amp; between          Lady go round the lady, Gent round the gent          Gent go round the lady, Lady round the gent          (lady lead again between #2)          Circle 4 once and a quarter round,          Sides Arch, Heads Dive Thru (or Pass Thru)          All Swing and Promenade</p>
<p><b>BIRDIE IN THE CAGE:</b>          Head Couples Lead Right and Circle 4          Birdie in the cage &amp; 3 hands round          (Head Lady in the center of the Circle)          Birdie fly out and Crow fly in, 3 hands again          Crow hop out and Make a Right Hand Star          Back with a Left and head for home          Everybody Swing your own</p>	<p><b>LADIES CROSSOVER: (change to Opp.)</b>          Head 2 Ladies Crossover, by Opposite Stand          Side 2 Ladies Crossover &amp; all join hands          Honour new corner lady,          Honour new partners all,          Allemande that Corner, [Dosado new partner]          Promenade the Hall          (Opposite is new Partner)</p>

## TRADITIONAL BREAK FIGURES:

<p><b>PROMENADE:</b>          Ladies Promenade Inside the Ring          Get back home and Partner Swing          All Promenade around you go          Put the Ladies in the lead, go Single File          All turn and Go Back the Other Way          When you're home, Gents turn and Swing</p>	<p><b>WALK BY:</b>          Allemande Left your corner          Walk right by your own          Turn a Right Hand round the next          Back to partner for Left Hand round your own          (full around) Gents Star right once and a bit          Allemande Left and Promenade</p>
<p><b>STAR PROMENADE:</b>          Ladies to the Center and Back to the Bar          Gents to the Center, Make a Right Hand Star          Gents turn and go Back with the Left          Pick up Partner arm around Star Promenade          Gents Back out and Circle Left          Allemande Left and Promenade</p>	<p><b>GENTS STAR LEFT, LADIES STAR LEFT:</b>          Allemande Left your corner,          Dosado Partner          Gents Star Left one time          Turn Partner right half          Ladies Star Left          Swing Partner, Promenade</p>

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<p><b>SAMSONVILLE QUADRILLE FIGURE ONE:</b>          #1 Lady right &amp; Gent left, 3-hand Circle Left          On to the next and four hands around          Lady right &amp; Gent left, 3-hands around          Swing in the center and right on home          All Circle Left          Allemande Left and Promenade</p>	<p><b>ARCH OF SIX</b>          #1 Down the center and Split the Ring          Lady go right, Gent go left,              By your corner stand          Lines of 3 forward and back and make Arch          Lone couple Dive Thru and go outside around          to home          All Swing Partner, Promenade</p>
<p><b>CUT OFF SIX:</b>          #1 Down the center and cut off six          Lady go right and Gent go left to home          Sides Right and Left Thru          #3 Down the center and cut off four          Sides Right and Left Thru back          Head Couples Swing          All Promenade</p>	<p><b>CUT OFF SIX, FOUR AND TWO:</b>          Couple #1 down the Center, Cut off Six          Come inside Four then cut off Two          All Dosado with Partner          All Circle Left          Allemande Left          Promenade</p>
<p><b>THROUGH THE GARDEN GATE</b>          (All join hands except active couple)          Couple 1 through the Garden Gate          Twist 'em home (4 Hold on) &amp; Balance eight          Down the center thru the Inside Gate          Twist 'em home and Balance eight          Down the center thru the Middle Gate          Twist 'em home and Balance eight          All Allemande Left and Swing your Date</p>	<p><b>FORWARD SIX</b>          Couple 1 Down the Center, Split Two,          Separate around 2 to stand between Sides          Forward Six and Back          Lone Two Forward and Back          Six Pass Thru and U Turn Back          Lone Two Down the Center and U Turn Back          Couple 1 Swing in Center, Others Circle Half          All Swing at home</p>
<p><b>CHASE ME CHARLIE</b>          All Circle Left          Allemande Left          Dosado          All Promenade          First couple go round again with Lady in the          Lead, "Chase Me Charle"          Everybody Swing</p>	<p><b>GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME</b>          First gent lead right and circle three          Swing the girl behind you (partner)          First gent go on and circle three          Swing the girl behind you          First gent on to the last and circle three          All Swing the girl behind you</p>
<p><b>LEAVES FALL OFF</b>          #1 Promenade inside to face out at home              Couples 2, 4 and 3 fall in behind          #1's Cast to the foot          Pass Partner by right and march up to face in          Lines Pass Thru and U Turn back, make Arch          #1 tunnel thru, Separate around to home          #2 follow #1 and turn right to home          #4 follow #2 and turn left to home          #3 California Twirl at home</p>	<p><b>GRAPEVINE TWIST</b>          First gent take your lady and lead right          between 2's around lady and around gent          Gent two hooks on to Lady 2,          First gent leads all 4 around lady 3 and gent 3          Gent 3 hooks on and repeat around lady 4          and gent 4          All 8 Circle Left to home once around.</p>

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<p><b>OPEN THE GATE</b>          Head couples lead to the right          Circle four once around          Open the Gates          (couple #1 goes between #2, then around behind #3, thru their gate and on to #4, thru their gate and home          All Circle left, Allemande Left, Promenade</p>	<p><b>LINE PASS THRU AND MOVE ON</b>          Heads Cross Trail Thru and          Separate around 1 to a line,          Lines go Forward and Back          Pass Thru, move on to the next,          Lines go Forward and Back          Pass Thru, move on to the next,          Lines go Forward and Back          Heads Circle once around to home,          Sides Pass Thru, move on and Swing</p>
<p><b>MIRROR DOSADO</b>          Head Couples Lead Right          Circle Left half around          Heads inside Mirror Dosado 1 1/2          Heads Pass Thru, Circle left Half around          Heads inside Mirror Dosado 1 1/2          Heads go home and all Swing</p>	<p><b>PEEK-A-BOO</b>          Head couples lead right, Arch over Lady #2,          slide to the right back to back with couple #2,          then arch backwards over Gent #2          Circle Left once around          Side couple Peek-a-boo          All Allemande Left, Swing and Promenade</p>
<p><b>CROSS OVER AND FORWARD EIGHT</b>          Heads Pass Thru, Lady go left, gent go right          Around one and make a line          Forward Eight and Back          Heads Into the Center, Circle Four to home          Allemande Left          Swing and Promenade</p>	<p><b>CHASE THE RABBIT &amp; THE SQUIRREL</b>          Heads Lead Right, Circle once around          Head Lady lead between and around lady,          gent follows, lady loops in center to follow          gent around the gent and home          All Swing and Promenade</p>
<p><b>SWING AT THE WALL</b>          Head couples out to the right          Around that couple and Swing at the Wall          Through that couple and Swing in the Hall          Form and Ring and make it go          Allemande Left          Promenade home</p>	<p><b>YOU SWING YOURS</b>          Head couples out to the right          Circle left with all your might          You Swing mine and I'll Swing yours          Yours is fine but I'll take mine          Circle Left          Allemande Left and Promenade home</p>

## TRADITIONAL STAR FIGURES:

<p><b>WAGON WHEEL SIMPLIFIED</b>          Gents Star Right - - - -          Gents turn and Star Left - - - -          Ladies catch on and make the Rim          (Join right arms, Ladies back up and extend their left arm along the rim)          Ladies turn (1/2R) and Star Promenade          Ladies pivot while Gents go forward 3/4 turn,          Circle Left to home,          Forward and Back</p>	<p><b>WAGON WHEEL WITH LADIES IN</b>          Ladies Star Left - - - -          Ladies turn and Star Right - - - -          Gents catch on and make the Rim          (Join left arms, Gents back up and extend their right arm along the rim)          Gents turn (1/2L) and Star Promenade          Gents pivot while Ladies go forward 3/4 turn,          Circle Left to home,          Forward and Back</p>
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