

Spin the Windmill

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Definition

From anywhere with a center wave or center facing couples (e.g., 3/4 Tag, Trade By): Centers Swing, Slip, and Cast Off 3/4, while the outsides face as directed and Circulate two positions. If the centers start in facing couples, they first Touch, then finish the call. Left Spin the Windmill is the same, except that:

- It may only be used with the centers in facing couples or a left-hand wave.
- If the centers are in facing couples, they Left Touch before doing the Swing, Slip, and Cast Off 3/4.

Discussion

There are two sets of actions for the dancers, depending on whether they are in the center or the outside. For the center dancers, the action *feels* like “any hand Swing Thru, then Cast ¾”. The Facing Couples rule applies, so center dancers don’t need to be in a wave to do the call. The centers may or may not be touching an outside dancer at the end of the call. The ends must remember they are circulating as if they are the ends of a line. They should not look to the center dancers for clues as to where they should end. NOTE: some dancers confuse the circulating for the end dancers with the outside position of Load the Boat. The two actions are completely different.

Choreography examples:

Common Starting Formations:

Double Pass Thru, Trade By, Quarter Tag, Three-Quarter Tag

Unusual Starting Formations:

Lines facing In, Inverted Lines, Diamonds, Wave parallel and between mini-waves, Wave perpendicular and between mini-waves or couples, T Bones.

Facing directions for ends:

In, Out, Right, Left, Forward

Variations for ends:

Ends circulate only 1 ½ (not to be confused with doing the ends part 1 ½ times)

Variation from lines/waves: Each side do centers part of Spin the Windmill

Heads Split Square Thru 2,
 (Trade By) Spin The Windmill In,
 Crossover Circulate,
 Cycle And Wheel,
 Veer Left,
 Mini-Busy,
 Center 4 Slip,
 (1/4 Tag) Spin The Windmill Right,
 Left Remake,
 8 Circulate,
 LA,
 Face In You're Home

Heads Right & Left Thru And Star Thru And
 Spread,
 (Lines) Spin The Windmill Forward,
 Centers Walk & Dodge,
 Split Square Chain Thru,
 (Trade By) Spin The Windmill In But Ends
 Circulate 1 1/2 And Hinge,
 Transfer The Column,
 Scoot Chain Thru,
 Hinge,
 Extend,
 RLG,
 Face In You're Home

Sides Left Wheel Thru,
 Centers In,
 Hinge,
 (inverted lines),



Spin The Windmill Forward,
 Spread,
 Ends DYP Cast A Shadow But Don't Spread,
 Centers Left Chase,
 Checkmate,
 Centers Left 1/4 Thru,
 (diamonds) Spin The Windmill Forward,
 Cast 3/4,
 Fan The Top,
 In Roll Circulate,
 Recycle,
 RLG,

Sides Step Forward,
 (T Bone) Spin The Windmill Left,
 Ends Zoom While The Centers Counter Rotate,
 Mini-Busy,
 Extend Twice,
 Girls Lockit,
 (Dog Bone),



Spin The Windmill In,
 Spread,
 Boys Swing Thru,
 Flip The Diamond,
 Trade Circulate,
 LA,
 Face In You're Home

Heads Spin The Top,
 Ping Pong Circulate,
 (1/4 Tag) Spin The Windmill Right But Ends
 Circulate 1 1/2,
 Centers Scoot & Dodge,
 Acey Deucey,
 Centers Swing Thru,
 Boys Flip The Diamond While The Girls Hinge,
 (wave between mini-waves),



Spin The Windmill In,
 Boys Run And Roll,
 Girls Square Thru 2,
 Touch 1/4,
 RLG,
 Face In You're Home

Sides Left Wheel Thru,
Pass Thru,
Centers Pass The Ocean,
(Dog Bone),



Spin The Windmill Left But Ends Circulate 1 1/2,
Center 4 Peel And Trail,
Boys Cut The Diamond While The Girls Single
Wheel,
(diamonds) Spin The Windmill Forward,
Trade Circulate,
Couples Circulate,
Mini-Busy,
Extend,
8 Circulate,
LA,
Face In You're Home

All 4 Couples Right & Left Thru,
Heads Square Chain Thru,
Pass In,
(lines) Each Side Centers Part Spin The
Windmill,
Transfer The Column,
In Roll Circulate,
(waves) Each Wave Centers Part Spin The
Windmill,
Trade Circulate,
Lockit,
(tidal wave) Each Wave Centers Part Spin The
Windmill,
Split Counter Rotate,
Slip,
LA,
Face In You're Home

(Getout),
Zero lines,
Pass The cean,
All 8 Circulate,
In Roll Circulate,
(waves) Each Wave Centers Part Spin The
Windmill,
Extend,
RLG,
Promenade Home

(Getout),
zero lines,
Right & Left Thru,
Pass The Sea,
Hinge,
In Roll Circulate,
Extend,
Spin The Windmill Right,
RLG,
Promenade Home

(Getout),
zero lines,
Pass Thru,
Wheel & Deal,
Spread,
Pass Thru,
Wheel And Deal,
Zoom,
Boys Half Sashay,
Spin The Windmill Right,
LA,
Promenade Home