

# Ursula's Surprise

A 32-bar reel for four couples in a longwise set

| BARS  | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| 1–4   | 1st couple, giving right hands, cross over and cast off one place <b>while</b> 4th couple, giving right hands, cross over and cast up one place. (2nd couple step up and 3rd couple step down on bars 3–4.)                                                                          |
| 5–8   | 1st and 4th couples dance right hands across.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 9–12  | 2nd couple, giving left hands, cross over and cast off one place <b>while</b> 3rd couple, giving left hands, cross over and cast up one place. (1st couple step up and 4th couple step down on bars 11–12.)                                                                          |
| 13–16 | 1st and 2nd couples, and 3rd and 4th couples, dance left hands across.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 17–24 | All set to partners, turn giving right hands half-way to finish in the middle facing partners, then pulling back by the right dance out to original places and set advancing to finish in the middle of the set.                                                                     |
| 25–32 | All dance “interlocking poussettes”: 1st and 2nd couples dance a poussette but 1st couple move down the men’s side to third place, <b>while</b> 3rd and 4th couples dance a poussette but 4th couple move up the women’s side to second place. (All finish in the order 2, 4, 1, 3.) |

Repeat from new places.

*For Ursula Artmann on the occasion of her significant birthday.*

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*Note:* This dance works as a 3-couple dance in a 3-couple set by omitting 4th couple’s movements. In that case, 3rd couple dances right hands across with 1st couple on bars 5–8, and stands during bars 9–16. Bars 25–32 are a three-couple poussette with 1st couple progressing to third place while 2nd and 3rd couples dance as the 2nd couple in a standard poussette to finish in first and second places, respectively.



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