

Allemandes and Variations

No single square dancing figure has been more flexibly constructed than the Allemande. From the simple "Allemande Left with the old left hand—Right to your honey and a right and left grand" have grown the "Allemande Thar," "Wagon Wheel," "Triple Allemande," "Alamo Style," "Allemande A," etcetera and etcetera. From these in turn come the obvious variations that spice up the dance and add satisfaction and challenge to the dancer. (NOTE: The basic allemande figures are not shown here. For them please refer to the Square Dance instruction booklets for the Beginners, Intermediates, and Advanced Dancers by Jack Hoheisal and Bob Osgood.)

Allemande left to an allemande thar
Go right and left and you form that star
Back 'em up boys in a left hand star
Shoot that star to an alamo
A right to the next and you balance so
You balance in and you balance out
Swing with the right turn half about
You balance out and you balance in
Swing with the left and a right to your girl
For a wagon wheel and you make it whirl
Hub fly out and the rim fly in
Go all the way round
Catch her by the right go right and left grand
Around the ring go hand over hand
Meet your own and promenade

You allemande left and an allemande thar
Go right and left and you form that star
Back 'em up boys but not too far
Shoot that star go down the lane
Go right and left and the ladies chain
Four ladies chain across the star
Turn the opposite gent to an allemande thar
Back 'em up boys and not too far
Shoot the star go down the lane
A right and left and the gentlemen chain
The four gents chain across you go
Turn the opposite lady a left elbow
A right to your corner and you pull her by
Then allemande left with the one you meet
Grand right and left go down the street
Meet your own and promenade.

Allemande left and an allemande thar
Go right and left and you form that star
Make an allemande thar with the gal you got
Shoot that star and you go red hot
The right hand lady with a right hand round
Back to your honey with a left hand round
All the way around
To the left hand lady with a right hand round
Back to your honey with a left hand around
And you promenade the corner as she comes
down
You promenade with your own little maid.

Allemande left and an allemande thar
Go right and left and you form a star
Walk along backwards, not too far
Shoot that star with a full turn around
A right to your corner for a wrong way thar
Back 'em up boys in a left hand star
Shoot that star to your corners all
Seesaw left and don't you fall
Back right in to a left allemande
A right to your own, go right and left grand.

Allemande left and an allemande thar
Go right and left but don't you star
A full turn around and away we go
A right and a left and a do-paso
It's partners left and the corner right
Back to your honey with a left hand whirl
Go all the way round to the right hand girl
And promenade your own little maid.

Allemande left and an allemande thar
Go right and left but don't you star
Turn once and a half with your left hand
And the four gents chain go 'cross the land
With the opposite lady do a left allemande
A right to your honey, go right and left grand
Meet your own and promenade.

Allemande left and an allemande thar
Go right and left and you form a star
Back 'em up boys but not too far
Shoot that star like an allemande "A"
Go right and left and a half sashay
Resashay go all the way around
And the four gents star in the center of town
Turn the opposite lady with a left hand
around
And promenade the corner as she comes
down
Your own little maid you promenade.