

PROGRESSIVE SQUARES

(Mostly from *Choreography Gimmicks* by Will Orlich)

(Modified to use calls from the current Basic Program)

Progressive Squares has come to mean the mixing up of squares around the dance floor thru a series of figures and then bringing all the dancers back home to partners in their original squares.

DANCERS' RULES:

- (1) If facing another couple and the call is directed to them, perform it even though the other couple is in another square.
- (2) If facing out with no other couple in front of them, California Twirl to face back into set ready to take the next command.

CALLERS' RULES:

Choreography-wise, a SIX part sequence of calls must be followed and the entire sequence used twice. Each movement of the dancers from one set into the next should consist of a Pass Thru equivalent in order to make the dancers face out towards another square and a second equivalent to a pass thru into the other square. Move the heads first and then the sides.

The first, second, fourth and fifth parts of the six-part sequence are Pass Thru equivalents.

The THIRD part of the sequence is:

ALL FOUR LADIES CHAIN ACROSS

HEADS RIGHT, RIGHT AND LEFT THRU

This starts the dancers moving in the other direction across the floor and separates partners.

The SIXTH part is simply a RIGHT AND LEFT THRU for BOTH heads and sides.

To bring everyone back home again, REPEAT the entire sequence.

- 1 - Move heads and sides to another square using two equivalents of Pass Thru.
- 2 - Move heads and sides to another square.
- 3 - Four Ladies Chain, Heads with the couple on the right, Right and Left Thru.
- 4 - Move NEW heads and NEW sides to another square.
- 5 - Move NEW heads and NEW sides to another square.
- 6 - Heads Right and Left Thru, Sides Right and Left Thru.

Note: Some combinations can move BOTH heads and sides at the same time.

PROGRESSIVE SQUARES – SAMPLE SEQUENCE ONE

#1

Head couples Right and Left Thru, a Full Turn to the next you see, Pass Thru to a new square,
Side couples Square Thru FIVE hands around to face out, Pass Thru to a new square.

#2

Head two Star Thru, Square Thru four hands around,
Right and Left Thru with the ones you meet, Square Thru 3/4 around,

Side two Half Sashay, Sides Pass Thru and U-Turn Back,
Left Square Thru 3/4 round, Right and Left Thru the two you found,
A Full Turn to a brand new square.

#3

All Four Ladies Chain across, got a new partner,
Heads to the right do a Right and Left Thru and square your sets.

#4

NEW Heads go Forward and Back, Half Square Thru, U-Turn Back,
Star Thru, Pass Thru to a new square.

NEW Side couples Right and Left Thru, then Rollaway,
Box the Gnat and pull by, Pass Thru to a new square.

#5

Head couples Star Thru, Right and Left Thru across from you,
Half Square Thru, Pass Thru to another square.

Side couples Star Thru, then Square Thru Four,
Pass Thru to a new set.

#6.

Head couples Right and Left Thru, Side couples Right and Left Thru.

FROM THIS POINT ON, REPEAT ENTIRE SEQUENCE 1,2,3,4,5, ending #6
With Heads Right and Left Thru, Sides Star Thru and Pass Thru to Left Allemande

PROGRESSIVE SQUARES – SAMPLE SEQUENCE TWO

#1

Head two Right and Left Thru, Side two Right and Left Thru,
EVERYBODY California Twirl, Right and Left Thru the ones you face,
With a FULL turn to a brand new square.

#2

Heads Pass the Ocean and Swing Thru,
Boys Run, Wheel and Deal, Star Thru and California Twirl, Pass Thru to a new square

Sides Right and Left Thru then Flutterwheel and Sweep a Quarter,
Sides Star Thru and California Twirl, Pass Thru to a new square.

#3

All Four Ladies Chain across (to a new partner),
Heads face right, Right and Left Thru and square your sets.

#4

Heads Lead Right, Veer Left, Couples Circulate,
Ferris Wheel and Centers Sweep a Quarter,
All California Twirl and Pass Thru to a new square.

#5

Heads Right and Left Thru,
Sides Pass the Ocean and those Ladies Trade,
Extend, Swing Thru, Boys Run,
Ferris Wheel and Centers Sweep a Quarter,
All California Twirl and Pass Thru to a new square.

#6

New Heads Right and Left Thru, Sides Star Thru and Pass Thru,
ORIGINAL CORNER Left Allemande,
Partners all Right and Left Grand, Promenade.

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