

Finlay's Frolic

64 bar Reel in a square set

- 1-8 Eight hands round and back.
- 9-12 1st and 3rd couples dance half rights and lefts, finish all facing anti-clockwise
- 13-16 Ladies leading with partners following, 1st and 3rd couples travel half way round the set to original places while 2nd and 4th couples advance and retire, nearer hands joined.
- 17-24 Repeat bars 9-16 with 2nd and 4th couples leading.
- 25-32 Double ladies chain, on final left hand turn hands are retained as the men dance in to the middle to join right hands across.
- 33-40 All set, half turn partners left hand and ladies join right hands across, all set, half turn partners left hand to face corners.
- 41-48 Interlinked reel of four round set, pass corner right shoulder to start and finish facing partners.
- 49-56 All set twice to partners and turn right hand into allemande hold facing anticlockwise.
- 57-64 Dance once round the set, dropping right hands on bar 63 to enable the ladies to dance into the middle and face their partners.

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My grandson Finlay was born on 19th September and as this dance was devised in the same week I have dedicated it to him.

This could be danced as a 64 bar strathspey or 64 strathspey/64 bar reel medley. In order to do this a slight amendment would be needed for bars 33-40 in strathspey time.

At the end of bar 32 the men would finish in the centre facing their partners.

Bars 33-40 All set to partners change places right hands, all set to partners, turn left hands to face corners.

Suggested recorded music

CD:- Clashmadin, Nicol McLaren, Volume 1, Track 12