

The Cuckoo's Nest

- Two person dance
- Short sticks – on right shoulder when not in use
- Single steps

Order of figures: Foot Up and In, Chorus, Allemande, Chorus, Back to Back, Chorus, Petronellas, Final Chorus

A: **Foot Up and In** – Facing up, 8 single steps in place starting on the right foot. Turn and face across for 8 single steps facing partner.

B: **Chorus** – Nap sticks 3 times (all forehand) while dancing 2 single steps in place. Then trade places (passing right shoulders and starting on R foot) with 2 more single steps. Repeat this sequence 3 more times, ending back in your original place.

A: **Allemande** – Switch stick to left hand and take partner by the right arm around their waist to swing CW for 8 steps. Alternately, you can use a forearm grip to swing. Reverse directions (switching stick back to the right arm) to take partner by the left arm to swing CCW for 8 steps.

A: **Back to Back** – First dancer uses 8 steps to dance back to back while the second dancer stands still. Use 2 steps to pass right shoulders going forward, then 3 steps to cross behind the second dancer, then 3 more steps to back in to place. The second dancer then repeats the figure while the first dancer remains still.

A: **Petronellas** – Clash butts twice backhand while dancing 2 single steps in place. Then take 2 more steps to turn out (CW) while moving CCW quarter way round the set to end up facing your partner up and down the set (similar to a contra dance petronella turn). Repeat 3 more times to return to original places.

B: **Final Chorus** – On the last chorus, on the last crossover back to place, end facing away from your partner and brandish your stick to the audience.