

THE VILLAGE REEL  
(Scotland)

This strathspey is an old traditional Scottish country dance.

MUSIC: Record: Any suitably phrased strathspey (32 meas). 4/4 meter

FORMATION: 4 cpls in longways formation.

STEPS: Strathspey Travelling Step, Strathspey Setting Step. Use travelling step throughout and always start R unless otherwise stated.

<u>Meas</u>	<u>Pattern</u>
Chord & Upbeat	<u>INTRODUCTION.</u> M bow, W curtsey to ptr.
1-8	<u>I. ROUNDABOUT POUSETTE</u> Cpls 1 and 2 dance Roundabout Pousette.
9-16	<u>II. FIGURE OF EIGHT</u> Cpl 1 in promenade pos dance a figure of 8 around cpl 2, making first a CW loop around W2 and then a CCW loop around M2, finishing at the top.
17-20	<u>III. DOWN THE CTR AND UP</u> Releasing L hands and turning twd ptr to face down the dance (M turn 1/2 CW, W 1/2 CCW), cpl 1 dance down the ctr.
21-24	Retaining joined R hands, cpl 1 turn twd each other (M 1/2 CCW, W 1/2 CW), and M lead W back up to the top. On last meas cpl 1 join L hands under R and raise hands to Allemande pos. Simultaneously on last meas cpl 2 dance 1 strathspey travelling step beginning L twd ptr, join R hands over L and raise hands to Allemande pos, turning to face up the set behind cpl 1.
25-32	<u>IV. ALLEMANDE</u> Cpls 1 and 2 change places with Allemande.  Cpl 1 repeat dance in 2nd place and again in 3rd place to finish at the bottom of the dance. On the 3rd time through cpl 2 begin also at the top, dancing through 3 times total. On the 3rd time through for cpl 2, cpl 3 begin and dance 3 times total, and then cpl 4 in turn 3 times.
Chord	M bow, W curtsey to ptr.

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