

Headington Blue Eyed Stranger

Form: Set dance for 6 people, left foot tradition. Two bunched hankies

Figures: Once to yourself/ Foot up and up/ chorus/ whole hey/ chorus/ cross over/ chorus/ back to back/ chorus

Chorus: 2 bars of open side steps, 1 double step in place and 2 plain capers. Half hey, side steps and double step again, half hey home.

Details

Double Step DS: One, two, three hop starting on the left, next pattern starting on the right. Hankies are held with 4 corners together to make a pouffe. They come down to the waist on one, and two, then up in front on 3 and 4 with a flick. No higher than shoulders, no lower than hips.

Cross backs XB: Feet apart, up on toes, cross left behind, feet apart, cross right behind, feet apart, feet together jump. Arms are held at head level and hankies circle inward with a twist on every beat, then gather for FTJ.

Open side steps OSS: Step left, right behind, left, hop. Step right, left behind, right, hop. Hankies are twisting at head level.

Hey WH or HH: Tops and bottoms make small box figure on 2 double steps, while middles go up, out, and back into place. Use Cross backs to open up the box back to a set, while middles move into place. Capers into set. Repeat to home for a whole hey, with middles following tops both times.

Cross Over CO: 1 double step towards and around partner clockwise until facing close to each other in middle of set. One double step in place and cross backs to partner's spot. Repeat to home. Odds' hankies are above/outside evens'.

Back to Back: 1 DS crossing by right shoulders with partners, 1 DS moving right, XB to home. Repeat crossing and moving left.