

# CUMBERLAND SQUARE

(English)

Cumberland is a county in the northwest of England on the Scottish border. This dance was introduced to the Federation by May Gadd, National Director of the Country Dance Society of America.

**MUSIC:** Records: Methodist 109A "My Love She's But a Lassie Yet."  
English Columbia DB2259, Folkcraft 1209, or 1143.  
Piano: "My Love She's But a Lassie Yet" or any comparable tune of same tempo.

**FORMATION:** Square formation, couples in closed position, M with L shoulder and W with R shoulder to center of square.

**STEPS:** Sliding step, walking step, buzz step\*, polka\* or skip step\*.

Music (4/4)	Pattern
	<b>I. Slide Across and Back</b>
A	1-4 Head couples take 8 sliding steps across to opposite place, M passing back to back.
	5-8 Keeping same position, return to own place with 8 sliding steps, W passing back to back.
	1-8 Side couples cross and return as described for head couples in meas. A 1-8.
	(Repeat)
	<b>II. Star</b>
B	1-4 Head couples join R hands in center forming a R hand star, walk fwd 8 steps in clockwise direction.
	5-8 Changing to L hand star, walk 8 steps in counterclockwise direction, returning to place.
	1-8 Side couples repeat same action as described for head couples in meas. B 1-8.
	(Repeat)
	<b>III. Basket</b>
	Head couples form basket in this manner: All step to center, W hook arms thru arms of M on either side and join hands across with opposite W. M join hands behind W back. All this is done simultaneously.
A	1-8 In basket formation circle to L with 16 buzz steps, R ft. crossed in front of L.
	1-8 Side couples form basket and circle L with 16 buzz steps.
	(Repeat)
	<b>IV. Circle and Promenade</b>
B	1-8 All join hands and move to L with 16 skip or 8 polka steps.
	1-8 Arm in arm with partner, promenade counterclockwise to place with 16 walking steps.
	(Repeat)