

FORMATION PICTOGRAMS



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Preface

Formations

The term *formation* refers to two aspects of a group of dancers: the geometric shape of the dancer locations (often called "spots" or "spots on the floor") and the facing directions of the dancers within that shape. Three commonly used eight-dancer geometric shapes are a square (that is, the spots of a Squared Set), a circle, and a 2x4 rectangle. Some common formations that all have the geometric shape of a 2x4 rectangle are Facing Lines, Eight Chain Thru, Right-Hand Parallel Ocean Waves, and Left-Hand Columns; what differentiates these four formations is the facing directions of the dancers with respect to the 2x4 shape. The formation does not refer to the orientation relative to the walls of the room: for example, from a Squared Set, the calls Heads Square Thru 4 and Sides Square Thru 4 end in the same formation (an Eight Chain Thru formation).

Scope of this document

This document provides names for formations that appear in Modern Western Square Dancing. These names are used in call definitions, especially when listing the starting and ending formations for each call. They may also be used when teaching square dancing, or when callers or dancers are communicating with each other. Other CALLERLAB documents, especially those related to Caller Training, also use these formation names.

Usually a formation is given a name because it is where some call begins or ends, or because it occurs partway through a multipart call. This document does not provide a name for every possible formation. Formations are omitted that are rarely used or discussed or for which there is no name in common use.

In this document nearly all the eight-dancer formations depicted are symmetric. Smaller formations that are asymmetric, for example a Triangle or a 3x1 Line, are included because they can be part of symmetric eight-dancer formations.

Understanding the pictograms

Each formation is defined by a corresponding pictogram in which each dancer is represented by a circle. On the edge of the circle may be a black half-dot, called a "nose," which indicates a facing direction. If a circle has no nose, then that dancer can be facing any of the four walls. If a circle has two noses, then that dancer can be facing in either of the two indicated directions.

Pictograms represent an idealized placement of dancers for "theoretical purposes." In practice, the locations of dancers and the relative distance between dancers may vary slightly. For example, Facing Lines are usually danced further apart than Lines Facing Out; similarly, the positions on an actual dance floor of dancers in an Ocean Wave may be slightly staggered rather than lying precisely along a geometric line. (See the sections on "Handholds" and "Breathing" below.)

A formation may have no name

Not all specific formations have names. One might describe such formations by narrowing down a general formation (for example, "Inverted Lines, ends facing in") or by explaining how dancers get there starting from a Squared Set or other specified formation (for example, "what you get after Heads Star Thru and Side Girls U-Turn Back").

A formation may have more than one name

Some formations are known by several names. For example, the eight-dancer formation formed after Heads Star Thru from a Squared Set was named Double Pass Thru by CALLERLAB in 1979. It has also been called Starting Double Pass Thru and Beginning Double Pass Thru, and in certain contexts is also called Zero Tag. This document gives each depicted formation a *primary name*—or in some cases, such as pictogram 124, a cross-reference to another pictogram that gives the primary name—and may list after it other names that are in use. If more than one name is shown, they are separated by a slash "/" or by horizontal lines. Capitalized words or phrases shown in parentheses are optional parts of the formation name; all-lowercase words or phrases shown in parentheses are suggested helper words. Words in square brackets are comments, not part of a name and not intended to be spoken by a caller when calling.

Right-Hand formations and Left-Hand formations

Any of the pictograms in this document can be turned upside down or sideways, or studied from any angle; it will still represent the same formation, no matter how it is rotated.

Some formations are also the same if you look at them in a mirror. Formations whose mirror images are *different* have *handedness*. When the distinction is choreographically important, the phrase "Right-Hand" is used to describe the version in which the majority of dancers either have handholds using their right hands or have their right shoulders toward the center of the formation; its mirror image is labeled "Left-Hand."

The main part of this document presents pictograms for only the Right-Hand versions of such formations. In all cases, if the primary name of a formation begins with the phrase "Right-Hand" then replacing that phrase with "Left-Hand" produces the primary name of that formation's mirror image. For example, a Mini-Wave may be Right-Hand or Left-Hand:

Right-Hand Mini-Wave [see pictogram 2]

Left-Hand Mini-Wave [not shown in main part of this document]

The formation Right-Hand Mini-Wave is shown in the main part of this document as pictogram 2; its mirror image, the Left-Hand Mini-Wave, is not shown, but its separate existence and primary name may be inferred from the primary name "Right-Hand Mini-Wave."

In *almost* all cases, if the primary name of a formation begins with the phrase "Right-Hand," then *omitting* that phrase produces a primary name that can refer to either the Right-Hand or Left-Hand form of that formation. For example, a formation described as simply a "Mini-Wave" may be a Right-Hand Mini-Wave or a Left-Hand Mini-Wave. (Exception: For historical reasons, "Box" refers to any 2x2 formation, not just a Right-Hand Box or a Left-Hand Box.)

If a formation is different from its mirror image, but its primary name does not begin with "Right-Hand" or "Left-Hand," then typical helper words to distinguish the two forms may be shown in parentheses. For example, pictogram 102 shows a Facing Diamonds formation that has a distinct mirror image, but it is not labeled "Right-Hand" or "Left-Hand" because in each Diamond two dancers have right hands or shoulders toward the center and two dancers have left hands or shoulders toward the center have right hands" is shown in parentheses, to indicate that those words, while helpful, are not part of the primary name of the formation. A helper phrase for the mirror image can be derived by replacing "right" with "left" (and vice versa):





Facing (Twin) Diamonds (centers have right hands) [see pictogram 102]

Facing (Twin) Diamonds (centers have left hands) [not shown in main part of this document]

or in some cases by replacing "beau" with "belle" (and vice versa):



3-and-1 Lines (centers facing in, ends are beaus) [see pictogram 208]

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3-and-1 Lines (centers facing in, ends are belles) [not shown in main part of this document]

In cases where a formation has handedness but identifying its handedness is usually not important, it may be that only one of two mirror-image forms is shown, but with the comment "[typical]"; a good example of this is pictogram 374 for the Phantom Spots introduced at C-1; it is not the same as its mirror image:



but the distinction between them is more in the nature of clockwise versus counterclockwise than right-handed versus left-handed, and this distinction is rarely choreographically important and rarely discussed, so only one of the two is presented (with the comment "[typical]").

Handholds

Dancers that are laterally adjacent customarily reach out and establish *handholds*. Alternate styles of pictogram, sometimes used in other documents about square dancing, indicate these handholds explicitly. A dancer with arms and hands held out to the sides might be depicted in this way:



Here are some examples of pictograms that show handholds:



The pictograms in the main part of this document do *not* show handholds, except for stars. In every depicted formation, it may be assumed that if two dancers are laterally adjacent (within either a line or circle), they customarily establish an appropriate handhold if there is time to do so.

There is another subtle point about handholds: dancers generally do not hold their arms straight out to the side when establishing handholds, but prefer to keep their elbows bent, which positions their hands slightly forward. Some alternate styles of pictogram depict this preferred forward positioning of the hands; here is one example:

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Holding hands forward in this way need not affect dancer positioning when all dancers in a line are facing the same way, but it does require an adjustment if dancers are facing in opposite directions. This "wave adjustment" is relatively small—only a handbreadth or two. Pictograms that reflect this adjustment make it easier to see why the term "wave" is used to describe a line in which dancers have alternating facing direction.



The implicit wave adjustment is taken for granted in many call definitions. For example, the definition of U-Turn Back says "The dancer does an individual about-face turn (180 degrees) *in place*" (emphasis added)—but from Parallel Ocean Waves, the call Leaders U-Turn Back (which results in Facing Lines) actually requires each Leader not only to turn 180 degrees but also to step forward a short distance while doing so.

The pictograms in the main part of this document do *not* depict wave adjustments, in part to make it easier to compare formations that have the same *theoretical* geometric shape but differing facing directions for some or all dancers. (For example, Facing Lines, Right-Hand Ocean Waves, Eight Chain Thru, and Right-Hand Columns are all Two-by-Four formations, and this may be easier to see from pictograms that omit the wave adjustment.) In every depicted formation, it may be assumed that if two dancers are laterally adjacent in a formation, facing in opposite directions, and establish the customary handhold, they will adjust their positions slightly as needed to accommodate that handhold, so the shape of the actual formation will not match the pictogram exactly.

Breathing

Dancers may also occupy slightly different positions on the dance floor because of *square breathing*. Dancers generally prefer to have some extra space in front of them. After the call "Forward and Back" from Facing Lines, the actual positions of dancers will *not* lie on a geometric 2x4 grid:



Facing Lines [see pictogram 35] but after "Forward and Back" dancers might actually be here

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... or even here

Nevertheless, these are all considered to be examples of Facing Lines, and dancers make any necessary adjustments as they begin the action of the next call. For example, if Facing Lines are far apart and the next call is Face Left, then after turning 90 degrees in place, dancers will automatically slide together so that they can establish handholds:





then after sliding together to establish handholds

Experienced dancers will blend the turning action and sliding action into one smooth motion.

90 degrees to the left)

Similarly, starting from a Squared Set, the call Sides Pass the Ocean produces a formation in which the outsides are farther from the center than shown in the standard pictogram for 1/4 Tag:



(In this case, there is usually no reason for dancers to breathe inward before doing the next call.)

As a general rule, the pictograms in the main part of this document do *not* illustrate breathing. The pictogram for each formation assumes that the dancers have "breathed inward" to the point that they are separated along each axis from nearby dancers by one "dancer unit," which is the distance that normally separates dancers that are laterally adjacent in a line. (The one exception is that some pictograms of very long formations such as tidal waves—for example, pictogram 48— show the dancers even closer together than that, partly to save space in the document and partly because dancers sometimes actually do pack themselves more tightly together when in such formations, especially when there are adjacent squares on the dance floor.)

See the Appendix (page 25) for a selection of pictograms that show dancer handholds and the dancer positioning that might result from the wave adjustment and breathing.

General formations

Some formation names are very specific; for example, the name "Right-Hand Ocean Wave" applies to exactly one formation:



Right-Hand Ocean Wave

On the other hand, the name "Ocean Wave" can refer to either of two specific formations:

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Right-Hand Ocean Wave

Left-Hand Ocean Wave

This is convenient because, for example, when we say that Recycle takes an Ocean Wave to Facing Couples, we are simultaneously thinking of Right-Hand Ocean Wave and Left-Hand Ocean Wave as possibilities. Similarly, a Two-Faced Line includes the possibility of either a Right-Hand Two-Faced Line or a Left-Hand Two-Faced Line.

This idea works with many other formations; for example, a Diamond is the general formation that includes a Right-Hand Diamond, a Left-Hand Diamond, either kind of Facing Diamond, and also those called a "Funny Diamond" at C-2.

Some of the pictograms in this document show *general formations* that stand for *any one* of a number of more specific formations. If some or all of the dancers in the pictogram have two noses, or no nose, then for each such dancer the facing direction may be freely chosen as described above, and the result will be a specific instance of the general formation.

T-Bone formations

A formation in which there are two adjacent dancers whose facing directions differ by 90 degrees is said to be "T-Bone" or "T-Boned" (if such dancers hold their arms out, they form the letter "T"):

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For example, from a Squared set, "Heads Lead Right and All Boys Face In" produces this T-Bone Two-by-Four (and a caller might helpfully comment, "You are T-Boned"):



In this example, some dancers would interpret their situation as being in Facing Lines or a Left-Hand Wave. Other dancers would interpret their situation as being in Left-Hand Columns.

Arrangements and normal formations

Formations do not represent gender in any way, and the name of a formation does not indicate which dancers in the formation are men and which are women. That is why the pictograms in this document represents every dancer using the same symbol, a circle, rather than using squares to represent the men and circles to represent the women. (Phantom dancers are represented by squares with a dashed outline.) The term *arrangement* refers to the positions of the men and women within a given formation, and certain words or phrases, such as *normal* or *half-sashayed*, are sometimes added to the name of a formation to indicate arrangement—for example, in a normal Couple, the Belle is a woman and the Beau is a man. Information on this subject can be found in the CALLERLAB *Formation & Arrangement Charts* document. In particular, the Right and Left Grand Circle *formation* does not imply any particular placement of men and women. Depending on the arrangement, this could be an appropriate starting formation for Right and Left Grand, or for Wrong Way Grand, or neither (if everyone is facing another dancer of the same gender).

Smaller formations

By considering just some of the dancers in a formation, we get smaller formations. For example, the eight-dancer formation Right-Hand Waves includes two Right-Hand Boxes, one Left-Hand Box (in the center), four Tandems, six Mini-Waves (four of which are Right-Handed), and various others. It can be important to identify these smaller formations (sometimes called *subformations*) because calls are generally defined from the smallest possible formation. For example, Pass Thru is not defined from the eight-person formation Facing Lines, but rather from the two-person formation Facing Dancers.

At Challenge, the name of a formation frequently specifies not only the shape of the spots on the floor, but a specific way of dividing that shape into subformations. For example, Right-Hand Diamonds and Left-Hand Diamonds (shown below) have the same overall shape, namely Twin Diamond Spots (see pictogram 312), and furthermore divide that shape in the same way into two four-person subformations, each of which is a Diamond (see pictogram 310); the two formations are distinguished only by the facing directions of the dancers. The division into two diamonds is indicated by a separating line. In contrast, while Right-Hand Interlocked Diamonds (also shown below) has that same overall shape, it divides the formation into two four-dancer subformations in a different way. Because the division into subformations cannot be indicated simply by a separating line, shading is used instead.



Right-Hand Diamonds [see pictogram 109]



Left-Hand Diamonds



Right-Hand Interlocked Diamonds [see pictogram 401]

Compound names and descriptions of subformations

If a specific formation does not have a name that uniquely identifies it and no other, then it can be described using a compound name, either by describing a related formation and how it is then transformed into the formation of interest, or by using a more generic name and then describing its subformations. For example, the Butterfly concept regards a Butterfly formation as the result of distorting Parallel Columns, so a Butterfly formation that could be described as the result of distorting a Completed Double Pass Thru formation (by having the ends slide apart) may be referred to as a "Butterfly Completed Double Pass Thru"; similarly, an O formation that could be described as the result of distorting Magic Columns (by having the centers slide apart) may be referred to as a "Magic O." Likewise one might refer to "Offset Two-Faced Lines" or "a Stagger Trade By formation."

An example of describing first the overall formation generically and then some subformations is "a Dogbone, centers in a Right-Hand Two-Faced Line, ends are facing"; this describes one specific formation exactly. Another is "a Galaxy with centers back-to-back"; this leaves unspoken which way the outsides are facing, but may be enough information for a given purpose. If the general formation is clear from context, it may be sufficient to describe only the subformations; as an example, if it is clear that a formation is an instance of General Lines, then "centers have right hands, ends are back-to-back" suffices to describe a specific 3-and-1 Lines formation.

Compound descriptions may also incorporate information (partial or complete) about arrangement or facing direction; examples are "Right-Hand Waves, all boys are facing out" and "3-and-1 Lines, only the center girls are facing in" and "Hourglass Spots, but everyone is facing side walls."

Organization of pictograms

The pictograms in this document are organized according to program: Basic, Mainstream, and SSD; Plus; Advanced; Challenge C-1; Challenge C-2; and Challenge C-3A. Each formation is shown under the earliest program in this list at which it is widely used or occurs as an intermediate formation of a call in the program. This is only an approximation. For example, some formations listed under Plus (such as Diamonds) certainly occur during the course of a Mainstream dance (for example, halfway through the call Spin Chain Thru), but are usually not a focus of attention and typically are not referred to by name at Mainstream. Conversely, although the first call that requires a Tidal Wave (Grand Swing Thru) is a Plus call, Tidal Wave and Tidal Line formations are commonly occurring starting and ending formations for four-dancer calls at Mainstream; therefore these Tidal formations are listed in this document under Basic, Mainstream, and SSD.

Within each program, pictograms are ordered roughly by the number of dancers in the formation, and related formations that have the same number of dancers are usually on the same page. For convenience of reference, each pictogram has an arbitrarily assigned identifying number, but these numbers have no inherent significance and may change in future editions of this document if new pictograms are added.

In some cases the same pictogram appears more than once—for example, pictogram 50 for Right-Hand Tidal One-Faced Line at Mainstream is identical to pictogram 215 for a typical As Couples Two-Faced Line at Advanced. Similarly, pictogram 373 for Blocks Spots at Challenge (C-1) is identical (except for shading) to pictogram 547 for Stagger Spots at Challenge (C-2). In such cases cross references are included.

The index at the end of this document lists, for each formation name, the identifying numbers of the pictograms for that name.

Formation Pictograms

Formations Commonly Used at Basic, Mainstream, and SSD



Formations Commonly Used at Basic, Mainstream, and SSD



Formations Commonly Used at Plus



Formations Commonly Used at Advanced

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3-and-1 Line (ends facing same way, <u>centers have right hands)</u> Three-and-One Line	3-and-1 Line (centers facing same way, ends are beaus) Three-and-One Line	Inverted Line	Inverte	d Box	Split Square Thru Box
206. (Parallel) 3-and-1 Lines (ends facing in,	207. 207.	208. (Parallel) 3-and- (centers facin			llel) 3-and-1 Lines
centers have right hands) (Parallel) Three-and-One Lines				(Parallel)	nds are beaus) Three-and-One Lines
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(Parallel) Inverted Lines (ends facing in)	(Parallel) Inverted Lines (ends facing out)	Tidal 3-and-1 Line Tidal Three-and- [8 symmetric po	One Line		verted Line [typical] mmetric possible]
214.	215.	216.			
Right-Hand As Couples Wave	Right-Hand As Couples Two-Faced Line			00	$\mathbf{O}\mathbf{O}$
[see pictogram 49]	[see pictogram 50]		umn / Colum	n of 8 [16	symmetric possible]
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Right-Hand Hourglass	Facing Hourglass (very centers have right hand	General Hour ls) [see pictograms 45	-		
220.	221.	222.			
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[see pictogram 462] Right-Hand Columns of 3 and 2 Lonesome Dancers 1/2 In Roll Circulate (from lines, all ends are beaus) [see also pictogram 124]	[see pictogram 463] Columns of 3 and 2 Lonesome Dancers 1/4 Chain Reaction (from Right-Hand 1/4 Tag) [see also pictogram 457]	Right-Har Star and Two Min 1/2 Chain Rea [see pictogram	ni-Waves action		



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Facing Lines of 3 Lines of 3 Facing In	Lines of 3 Facing Out Back-to-Back Lines of 3	(Parallel) Waves of 3 (ends facing in)	(Parallel) Waves of 3 (ends facing out)
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(Parallel) 2-and-1 Lines (of 3) [typical]	General (Parallel) Lines of 3 [8 symmetric possible]	General (Parallel) Columns of 3 [8 symmetric possible]	Right-Hand Columns of 3 Right-Hand Column of 6
(Parallel) Two-and-One	[o symmetric possible]	[o symmetric possible]	Right-Hand Column of 0
Lines (of 3) [typical]			
^{349.}	350.	351.	
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(Parallel) 2-and-1 Columns (of 3) [typical]	(Parallel) 2-and-1 Columns (of 3) [typical]	Magic Columns of 3 (ends have right hands)	
(Parallel) Two-and-One	(Parallel) Two-and-One	Magic Column of 6	
Columns (of 3) [typical]	Columns (of 3) [typical]	(ends have right hands)	
352.	353.	354.	355.
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Right-Hand	Right-Hand	Right-Hand	Right-Hand
(Wave-Based) Triangles (Base-to-Base)	(Tandem-Based) Triangles (Base-to-Base)	(Wave-Based) Triangles (Apex-to-Apex)	(Tandem-Based) Triangles (Apex-to-Apex)
Right-Hand Sausage of 6		_	
356.	357.	358.	359.
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Inpoint Triangles [typical]	Outpoint Triangles [typical]	Inside Triangles	Inside Triangles
360.	^{361.}	362.	363.
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Outside Triangles	Outside Triangles	Outside Triangles	Outside Triangles

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$\frac{\text{Butterfly Spots}}{\text{X Spots}}$	O Spots [see pictogram 24]	Blocks Spots [see pictogram 547]	Phantom Spots [typical] [see pictogram 567]
375.	376.	377.	378.
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General Butterfly [16 symmetric possible]	General O (formation) [16 symmetric possible]	Blocks [typical]	Phantoms [typical] [as if in Waves]
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Phantoms [typical] [as if in Lines]	Phantoms [typical] [as if in Columns]	Phantoms [typical] Siamese Right-Hand Box	Phantoms [typical] Siamese Facing Couples
383.		385.	
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2x6 Two-by-Six	3x4 Three-by-Four	lx	12 Twelve
Triple Box Spots	(Parallel) Triple Line Spots (Parallel) Triple Column Spots		ots, End-to-End
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			Triple Columns [typical]
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Triple Lines, End	l-to-End [typical]	Triple Columns, E	nd-to-End [typical]



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1/4 Tag SpotsQuarter Tag SpotsLine between Pairs Spots2-4-2 SpotsTwo-Four-Two Spots[see pictograms 387,388, and 389]	General Line between Pairs General 2-4-2 General Two-Four-Two	General 1/4 Tag General Quarter Tag [4 symmetric possible]	General 3/4 Tag General Three-Quarter Tag [4 symmetric possible]
425.	426.	427.	428.
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Right-Hand 1/4 Line Right-Hand Quarter Line	Right-Hand 3/4 Line Right-Hand Three-Quarter Line	Right-Hand Wave between Right-Hand Mini-Waves	Right-Hand Two-Faced Line between Right-Hand Mini-Waves
429.	430.	431.	
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$\circ \circ$	$\bigcirc \bigcirc$	$\bigcirc \bigcirc$	
Right-Hand 1/4 Box Right-Hand Quarter Box [see pictogram 122]	Right-Hand 3/4 Box Right-Hand Three-Quarter Box	Magic Columns (ends have right hands) Magic Column (ends have right hands)	
432.	433.	434.	435.
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1/4 Diamond SpotsQuarter Diamond SpotsDiamond between Pairs Spots[contrast pictogram 451]	General Diamond between Pairs [constrast pictogram 219]	Right-Hand 1/4 Diamond Right-Hand Quarter Diamond	Right-Hand 3/4 Diamond Right-Hand Three-Quarter Diamond
436.	437.	438.	439.
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I spots Dogbone spots	I (formation) [typical]	Dogbone [typical]	Dogbone [typical] Right-Hand Siamese Wave (tandems are ends)

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Hourglass Spots [see pictogram 217]	Galaxy Spots	Sausage Spots	Egg Spots
[contrast pictogram 432]		[see pictograms 462 and 463]	88 ° F
455.	456.	457.	458.
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Right-Hand Galaxy	Facing Galaxy (centers have right hands)	[see pictograms 387, 388, and 389]	
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Right-Hand Sausage	Facing Sausage	Right-Hand Egg	Facing Egg [typical]
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Appendix

Handholds, Wave Adjustment, Breathing, and Handedness

This Appendix presents, for selected formations, pictograms that show dancer handholds and the dancer positioning that might result from the wave adjustment and breathing. For many of these formations, pictograms for both right-handed and left-handed forms are presented.

Selected Formations Commonly Used at Basic, Mainstream, and SSD



Selected Formations Commonly Used at Basic, Mainstream, and SSD



Selected Formations Commonly Used at Plus



Selected Formations Commonly Used at Advanced

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3-and-1 Line	3-and-1 Line	3-a	nd-1 Line	3-and-1	Line	Inverted Line
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Left-Hand As Couples Wave [see pictogram 825]			Right-Ha	and As Couples	Wave [see pi	ctogram 826]
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	wo-Faced Line [see pictogra		_	s Couples Two-I		see pictogram 828]
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Left-Hand Hourglass	Right-Hand Hou	•		$\mathbf{\hat{O}}$		Ó.r♥
	965.	[218]	[see pictog Left-Hand C and 2 Loneso 1/2 In Roll	olumns of 3 ome Dancers Circulate	Right-H and 2 L 1/2 In	Dictogram 462] and Columns of 3 onesome Dancers Roll Circulate
Facing Hourglass (very centers have left har	Facing Hourg nds) (very centers have rig		(from lines, all e			, all ends are belles) o pictogram 124]

971.	972. [425]	973.	974. [426]
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Left-Hand 1/4 Line Left-Hand Quarter Line	Right-Hand 1/4 Line Right-Hand Quarter Line	Left-Hand 3/4 Line Left-Hand Three-Quarter Line	Right-Hand 3/4 Line Right-Hand Three-Quarter Line
975.	976. [427]	977.	978. [428]
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Left-Hand Wave between Left-Hand Mini-Waves	Right-Hand Wave between Right-Hand Mini-Waves	Left-Hand Two-Faced Line between Left-Hand Mini-Waves	Right-Hand Two-Faced Line between Right-Hand Mini-Waves
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Left-Hand Wave between Right-Hand Mini-Waves	Right-Hand Wave between Left-Hand Mini-Waves	Left-Hand Two-Faced Line between Right-Hand Mini-Waves	Right-Hand Two-Faced Line between Left-Hand Mini-Waves
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Magic Columns (ends have left hands) Magic Column (ends have left hands)	Magic Columns (ends have right hands) Magic Column (ends have right hands)	Left-Hand 3/4 Box Left-Hand Three-Quarter Box	Right-Hand 3/4 Box Right-Hand Three-Quarter Box
987.	988. [459]	989.	990. [460]
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2008-11-06	#76: change to say "10 possible".
2009-08-24	#60: fix dancer facing direction. #76: change back to "8 possible" by mistake.
2009-08-25	Add Dixie Grand Circle and Right and Left Grand Circle (approved in 1983).
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	Completely rewrite and reorganize by programs.
	Renumber all pictograms.
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2022-03-24	Eliminate redundant variations of many formations; reduce the number of pages.
	Add section "Compound Names and Descriptions of Subformations" to preface.
	Add pictograms for 4x4 and Big Block.
	Improve description of T-Bone formations.
	Add diagonal lines to pictograms for Offset Lines, Offset Columns, Stagger, and Big Block.
	Move all Tidal Lines from Plus to Basic/Mainstream section.
	Add separate diagrams for stars made by facing couples at Basic/Mainstream and for "gears" at Plus.
	Improve geometric spacing of diamonds and general phantom spots.
	Make formatting of captions more consistent; correct typos in captions and text.
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	Add formation names Single Zero Tag, Single Right-Hand 1/2 Tag, Single Full Tag. Update the section "Right-Hand Formations and Left-Hand formations" in preface.
	Update the section "T-Bone formations" in preface.
	Update the section "Organization of Pictograms" in preface.
	Add sections "Handholds" and "Breathing" to preface.
	Update the section "Arrangements and normal formations" in preface.
	Change pictograms for Squared Set Spots at Basic/Mainstream and C-1.
	Add primary name "Sausage" to pictogram at Plus.
	Add Table of Contents.
	Add "(Parallel)" to primary names of 3-and-1 Lines and Inverted Lines.
	Consistently allow "Quarter" and "Three-Quarter" as alternatives to "1/4" and "3/4" in names.
	Consistently allow "Half Tag" as an alternative to "1/2 Tag" in names.
	Add index entries, including uses of General, Parallel, End-to-End, Base-to-Base, and Apex-to-Apex.
	Add 1/4 Diamond, 3/4 Diamond, and related formations.
	Fix typos. Improve wording throughout the preface.
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	Add formation Thar Spots at C-1.
	Add a duplicate of Right-Hand 1/4 Box at Plus (used in definition of (Anything) and Spread).
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	Add cross-references from Triple Boxes at C-1 to end-to-end Z's at Plus.
	Say in preface that a few entries provide a cross-reference instead of a primary name.
	Add formation name Siamese Facing Diamond as alternative to Facing Siamese Diamond.
	Add formation name Tandem Facing Diamond as alternative to Facing Tandem Diamond.
	Change every occurrence of "Interlocked Right-Hand" to "Right-Hand Interlocked".
	After "Right-Hand Box Circulate" add "(formation)".
	After "Right-Hand 1/2 Tag" add "(formation)". After "Right-Hand Half Tag" add "(formation)".
	Change every occurrence of "Basic and Mainstream" to "Basic, Mainstream, and SSD".

Date	Change Made
2024-06-20	Add "Three-and-One" as an alternative to "3-and-1" almost everywhere.
	Add "Two-and-One" as an alternative to "2-and-1" everywhere.
	After "2-and-1" or "Two-and-One" Lines or Columns, "of 3" is now parenthesized.
	Add "(Parallel)" to 2-and-1 Columns in two pictograms.
	Add "Two-Four-Two" as an alternative to "2-4-2" everywhere.
	Add "Three-Two-Three" as an alternative to "3-2-3" everywhere.
	Add "Two-One-Two-One-Two" as an alternative to "2-1-2-1-2" everywhere.
	Move H Spots from C-2 to C-1, and cross-reference Triple Waves/Lines/Columns.
	From 2-4-2 Spots, cross-reference Triple Waves/Lines/Columns.
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	The Appendix also shows Left-Handed and Right-Handed versions of selected formations.
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