

The Black Valley Square Jig Set

This set comes from the Kenmare area of Co. Kerry.

	Figure 1 Jigs	120 Bars
(a)	All couples lead around; All couples lead around, gents' arms around the ladies' waists	8 Bars
(b)	All square the house; All couples slide forward one position and dance two on the spot. Slide to the opposite position and dance on the spot, repeat these movements to get back to place.	16 Bars
(c)	All couples house around;	8 Bars
(d)	Star and swing; Top couples turn to the left and give right hands in with the couple on the left, go around for eight bars and then swing.	16 Bars
(e)	All couples repeat (b) – (d); All couples repeat (a) – (d) this time tops dance the star with the couple on right.	40 Bars
(f)	Repeat (b) – (c);	24 Bars

	Figure 2 Jigs	136 Bars
(a)	All lead around, square and house;	32 Bars
(b)	Top gents cross and swing; Top gents cross over right shoulder to right shoulder and swing the opposite lady.	8 Bars
(c)	Top couples slide in and out once and dance at home;	8 Bars
(d)	Top gents cross back and swing;	8 Bars
(e)	All square and house;	24 Bars
(f)	Sides repeat (b) - (d);	24 Bars
(g)	All repeat (e);	24 Bars

	Figure 3 Jigs	232 Bars
(a)	All lead around, square and house;	32 Bars
(b)	Top Couples dance at home;	8 Bars
(c)	Top couples slide in and out once and dance at home;	8 Bars
(d)	Top gents cross and swing the opposite lady;	8 Bars
(e)	Top couples repeat (c);	8 Bars
(f)	Top gents swing the lady on the left and repeat (c) with this lady;	16 Bars
(g)	Top gents cross and swing the opposite side lady and dance (c) with this lady;	16 Bars

(h)	Top gents swing with their own partner;	8 Bars
(i)	All dance the square and house;	24 Bars
(j)	Repeat (b) – (i) with side couples leading;	96 Bars

	Figure 4 Jigs or Slides	104 Bars
(a)	Top couples lead around; Top couples lead around with gents' arms around the ladies' waists.	8 Bars
(b)	Top couples house around;	8 Bars
(c)	Top couples dance the half diamond square; Top couples slide towards the couple on their right and reverse to the opposite position and house back to place.	8 Bars
(d)	Top couples repeat (c) twice;	16 Bars
(e)	Top couples house;	8 Bars
(f)	Sides repeat (a) – (e);	48 Bars

	Figure 5 Reels	160 Bars
(a)	All lead around; All lead around with crossed hands in front. Do not turn the lady.	8 Bars
(b)	Side Step; All in lead around position dance the side step, gents going behind the lady on the way across and in front on the way back.	8 Bars
(c)	All swing;	8 Bars
(d)	Top couples dance 'sevens' square; Top couples square the house, dancing 'sevens'	8 Bars
(e)	Top couples advance and retire and dance at home;	8 Bars
(f)	Top gents cross and swing;	8 Bars
(g)	Top couples left arm hook; Top gents hook left arms in the centre, dance around and double the last two bars.	8 Bars
(h)	Repeat (a) – (g) with side couples leading;	56 Bars
(i)	Repeat (a) – (c);	24 Bars
(j)	All dance the 'sevens' square and house to finish;	16 Bars