

Formation Awareness

In any symmetric formation there exist six arrangements. These are

1	2	3	4	5	6
BGGB BGGB	GBBG GBBG	GBGB BGBG	BGBG GBGB	GGBB BBGG	BBGG GGBB

We can use this to make sure that we call a move from all of these possible formations. As an example we will use Ocean Waves. Notice that as a dancer you can be in any one of four positions in each of the six formations, which gives you a total of 24 positions to experience that move.

Set-up Examples (all examples start from a ZB)

- Formation 1 - Do-Sa-Do to a Wave
- Formation 2 - Swing Thru
- Formation 3 - Touch a Quarter
- Formation 4 - Touch a Quarter, Scoot Back
- Formation 5 - Touch A Quarter, Centres Trade
- Formation 6 - Swing Thru, Hinge, Centres Trade

Here is an example that uses all six formations

ZB.

Do-Si-Do To A Wave	(1)	Pass To The Centre
Swing Thru	(2)	Square Thru 3
Swing Thru		Allemande Left
Hinge		
Centres Trade	(5)	
Swing Thru	(3)	
All 8 Circulate Twice		
Swing Thru	(6)	
Scoot Back		
Swing Thru	(4)	
All 8 Circulate Twice		
Swing Thru		
Split Circulate		
Recycle		

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Now that we understand the idea, we should be able to apply these formations to any move that start in a wave and ends in a wave. What are some of those moves? At The Mainstream level we have

From Right Hand Waves we can

Swing Thru Left Swing Thru Circulate Split Circulate Spin The Top
Spin Chain Thru

From Left Hand Waves we can

Left Swing Thru Swing Thru Circulate Split Circulate Spin The Top
Spin Chain Thru

At The Plus level we have

Spin Chain the Gears Spin Chain and Exchange the Gears Relay the Deucey

The same idea can be applied to other standard formations, to name a few

Lines In Lines Out Two-Faced Lines 3 x 1 Lines Inverted Lines
Columns

It is a good idea to see if a move can be completed from formations other than the one we are used to. Let's take Acey Deucey as an example as this can be used at Mainstream (directionaly) and Plus levels.

Definition: Centre 4 Trade while the end (outsides) Circulate.

Starting formation – parallel waves and two-faced lines.

Other formations which meet the following conditions are also acceptable. Must be able to identify 4 centres and 4 ends(or outsides) Centres must be able to trade within adjacent pairs of 2. Ends (or outsides) must be able to circulate and not become centres.

So what formations can we use?

Waves Two-Faced Lines Lines In/Out Inverted Lines 3X1 Lines
Completed DPT Trade By Thars Diamonds Three Quarter Tag

Some examples follow

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Touch a Quarter
Acey Deucey
Trade the Wave
Acey Deucey
Split Circulate
Ladies Run
Pass Thru
Wheel and Deal
Zoom
Slide Thru
Pass Thru
Partner Trade
Home

Heads Lead Right
Veer Left
Acey Deucey
Tag the Line Left
Couples Circulate
Acey Deucey
Bend the Line
Slide Thru
Pass Thru
Allemande Left

Heads Star Thru and Spread
Pass Thru
Acey Deucey
Centre 4 Pass Thru
Acey Deucey
Centre 2 Ladies Run
Acey Deucey
Boys Hinge
Ladies Face In
Extend
Boys Run
Pass Thru
Wheel and Deal
Zoom
Pass Thru
Allemande left

Heads Slide Thru
Double Pass Thru
Acey Deucey
Centres Square Thru 3
Pass Thru
Acey Deucey
Allemande Left

Allemande left
Forward 2 to a Allemande Thar
Acey Deucey
All Turn Half by the Left
Acey Deucey
Hinge
Ladies Run
Circle Left
Ladies In Men Sashay
Allemande Left

ZB:

Swing Thru
Boys Run
Ladies Hinge
Diamond Circulate
Acey Deucey
Diamond Circulate
Acey Deucey
Cut The Diamond
Tag the Line Right
Wheel and Deal
Allemande Left

ZB:

Swing Thru, Boys Run
 $\frac{3}{4}$ Tag the Line
Acey Deucey
Extend
Boys Run, Pass Thru
Wheel and Deal
Zoom
Square Thru 2,
Partner Trade, Home
