**The Virginia Reel**

(Basic count. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)

Everyone stands in two lines facing their partner

Everyone four steps forward (1,2,3,4)

Everyone four steps back (5,6,7,8)

Right elbow swing and back (1,2,3,4)

Left elbow swing and back (1,2,3,4)

Do Si Do (pass around each other’s back) (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8)

Head couple join hands and sashay down (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8)

Head couple sashay back (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8)

Reel the set:

Head couple links right elbows and turns one and a half turns (1,2,3,4)

Couple releases and links left elbow with next person in the opposite line. (5,6,7,8)

Couple returns to center and links right elbows and turns. (1,2,3,4)

Releases to link elbow with next person on the opposite line. (5,6,7,8)

Head couple continues to do this with each couple.

After turning with all the couples, the head couple joins hands and sashays back up the set.

Release hands and cast off (turn away from each other and walk up the outside of the line). Each couple follows around until the head couple meets together at the end.

Head couple joins hands and makes a bridge.

Each couple joins hands and sashays back to the head of the set. The second couple is now the head couple and the dance repeats.

Watch the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h821Bd4I8gk&list=PLJeA2_xgGgMiQtohhwpTGPnUxoz5PB7aV&index=3>

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