

VIRGINIA REEL:

MODERN VERSION

MUSIC: Fast selection  
in 2/4 tempo. "Turkey  
in Straw", "Washington  
Lee Swing"

Line Formation: Sets of six couples - Partners facing each other about 6 ft.  
apart - gentlemen on one side and ladies on other side.

First Call: "Gentlemen bow-ladies curtsy" or "Forward and Bow"  
Action: Walk to center-bow curtsy, walk back to place

Second Call: (a) "Turn your partner with right hand" or Right Hand Turn  
Action: Walk to center-join right hands-turn completely around and walk  
backward to place

Second Call: (b) "Turn your partner with your left hand" or "Left Hand Turn"

Third Call: "Two hands to right-turn"

Fourth Call: "Two hands-turn"

Fifth Call: "Do-si-do right"  
Action: Do-si-do position, (arms crossed and held shoulder height) Pass  
right shoulder with partner and walk backward to place.

Sixth Call: "Do-di-do left".  
Action: Pass left shoulder to left shoulder (do-si-do position) and walk  
backward to place.

Seventh call: "Turn your partner with right hand."

Eighth Call: "Head couple promenade to foot, back to center, turn partner  
with right hand and turn opposites with left."  
Action: Head couple steps forward, join both hands, slide down to foot  
and back to center of set. Join right hands and make a 3/4 turn  
so the lady is facing the head of the gentleman's line and the gentle-  
man is facing the foot of the ladie's line. Head couple now drop  
hands and the lady proceeds to the gentleman at head and turns  
him with left hands joined--goes back to center, turns partner  
with right hands joined back to second gentleman in line and  
turns him with left hands joined, back to partner with right and  
continues until all gentlemen in line have been turned -  
alternating left hand to person in line and right hand to  
partner in center of set. At the same time the head gentleman  
(starting with foot lady) has been turning all the ladies in  
their line, alternating right hand to partner in center and  
left hand to ladies in line. After all have been turned-join hands  
with partner and make a 3/4 turn so the lady is on her side and  
the gentleman on his.

Ninth Call: "Promenade to the head, lead off and form arch at foot."  
Action: Join both hands, slide to the head of line, face front and do a  
counter march, that is; the head lady leads her line with all  
ladies following her on outside of line down to foot and head  
gentleman leads the gentlemen's line in like manner. When head  
couple reaches foot they join both hands and form an arch under  
which all other couples pass (with inside hands joined.)  
Head couple stays at foot and the second couple is now the new  
head couple.  
Repeat until all couples have been head couples.