

# RAWHIDE

RWH 1156

## “HAPPY BIRTHDAY CONTRA”

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Formation: Couples facing couples in long lines.  
Dance requires and even number of couples

(FIRST CALL IS CUED AHEAD OF THE MUSIC) Corner Allemande Left  
Partner Swing, Swing the girl  
Diagonal Left a Right & Left Thru  
Slightly Right - New Two - Right & Left Thru now  
Same two Ladies Chain across  
Chain the lady back again  
Same four Left Hand Star  
Take it one full-turn and make a Right Hand Star  
Gonna come on back, find your corner Allemande Left

### Notes:

1. An easy way to set up contra lines, is from a square have the Heads Lead Right and Circle to a Line, then have all the squares join their lines together.
2. On the call “Diagonal Left”, as a couple face the couple in the opposing line on the diagonal. Two couples, one in each line on the end will have no couple diagonally left so they wait in place for 8 beats of music
3. On the call “Slightly Right”, as couples finish the “Diagonal Left, Right & Left Thru” they will dance the next call with a new couple in the opposing line. This couple is not really straight across, so dancers are cued to look slightly to their right. It is not diagonally right.
4. This is an easy way to introduce variety through contras at square dances. It is easy enough for beginners.
5. The dance is “Beckett's Reel” written by Herbie Gaudreau