

COIRE LAGAN¹

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A 32-bar reel for three couples in a four-couple longwise set.

Lead Tune: *The Sound of Sleat* (Angus Mackinnon)

<u>Bars</u>	<u>Description</u>
1-8	1 st couple set, cross down through second place giving right hands (2 nd couple step up on bars 3 & 4), cast around 3 rd couple (1 st man around 3 rd woman; 1 st woman around 3 rd man), and dance up with near hands joined to finish in the center in second place facing up.
9-16	1 st couple dance reels of three with corners; 1 st man passing 2 nd woman by the right shoulder, 1 st woman passing 2 nd man by the left shoulder ("mirror reels"). 1 st couple finishes in second place on opposite sides.
17-24	1 st couple, giving right hands, cross up and cast around 2 nd couple to second place own sides, then turn once round with right hands (or Tulloch turn or birl, as desired).
25-32	2 nd , 1 st and 3 rd couples dance six hands round and back.

¹ For pronunciation, see <http://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/skye/coirelagan.shtml>. Coire Lagan is one of the most impressive corries in the Cuillin region of the Isle of Skye, a tiny loch ringed by giant rock peaks, and the walk into it has a good path and only very simple scrambling.