

Waves of Tory

Formation: Longways set 5 or 7 couples

Music: Irish reels x 32 bars

This is an American version of the original folk dance from Tory, an island off the North coast of Donegal, in Ireland. The very rough seas there make the island a very isolated place, and this dominant feature of the island life is reflected in their dance. Our version is a considerably simplified one compared to various Irish versions.

Bars	Steps
2	In lines all advance 4 steps
2	In lines all retire back to place 4 steps
4	All advance towards partner and passing Right shoulders change places and turn to face partner
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8	<i>All swing partner. (with Irish pivot swing – Partners stand close to one another, with their Right feet advanced, outer sides of the feet touching. The Left hands are clasped, and Right hands rest on the partner's Left hip, the Right arms passing on the inside of the clasped hands. The turn is made by pivoting on the Right foot while pushing with the Left to give impetus.)</i>
16	All face the front and top couple turn away from partner and cast off to the bottom of the set, others follow the one in front. Once at the bottom Top couple make a two hand arch. Others meet their partner and taking inside hands lead through the arch and stay holding hands facing the band to flow into.....
24	New top couple starts the Waves by turning a California Twirl – <i>(holding inside hands Woman turns Left and moves into Mans place under their raised hands while Man moves a step forward and then turns Right and moves into Woman's place, they are now facing down)</i> . Top couple go under an arch made by second couple, Top couple now make an arch for third couple to go under Meanwhile second couple now at the top of the set does a California Twirl to face down and goes under an arch made by third couple. This under and over movement is continued to the bottom of the set. Once there couples California Twirl again to face up the set and going under first continues the under and over movements until back in the set where they started the waves. <i>(Old top couple must end at the bottom Whilst the New top couple ends at the top)</i>

Repeat the dance 4 or 6 more times until everyone is back in their original starting places

