

# RAWHIDE



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY CONTRA

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

Allemande Left, come on back and Swing  
Diagonal Left – Right & Left Thru and then  
Slightly Right – New Two – Right & Left Thru  
Slow down a bit, same two Ladies Chain  
You turn 'em round, Chain the lady back again  
Same four make a Left Hand Star my friend  
Turn it, turn it, make a Right Hand Star  
Come on back, find your corner one

### 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