

The De'il Amang The Tailors

Scottish Country Dance Instruction

THE DEIL AMANG THE TAILORS (R8x32) 3C (4C set) RSCDS Bk 14

1- 8 1s+2s set and dance RH across ½ way, set and dance LH across ½ way back to place
9-16 1s lead down the middle and back to top

17-24 1s+2s dance Allemande

25-32 2s+1s+3s circle 6H round and back. 213

(MINICRIB, Dance Crib compiled by Charles Upton, Deeside Caledonian Society, and his successors)

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Reel 8 x 32 bars 3 Couple Repeat 4 Couple Set Lengthwise Set

1-4 1s2s set and right hands across halfway;

5-8 1s2s set and left hands across halfway;

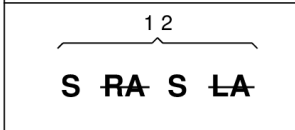
9-16 1s lead down the middle and back to the top, finishing 1s 2s on the centre line in allemande hold, facing up;

17-24 1s2s allemande;

25-32 2s1s3s 6 hands round to the left and back.

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Keith Rose's Crib Diagrams

THE DEIL AMANG THE TAILORS			8x32 R
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3C/4C longwise set.

The De'il Amang The Tailors - Full Size And Key To Symbols

Dance Instruction Videos

[The De'il Amang The Tailors - YouTube Scottish Country Dancing Instruction Video](#)

Dance Information

'De'il Amang The Tailors' is Scottish for 'devil among the tailors'.

The tune was composed by James Scott Skinner (1843 - 1927) a fiddler and composer from near Aberdeen. But the story behind the title goes back further. On 15 August 1805, a play called "The Tailors: a Tragedy for Warm Weather" starring William Downton, was presented at a London Theatre called "The Little Theatre in the Hay". The London tailors took exception to this satire on their craft, and thousands rioted both inside and outside the theatre. The special constables on duty were helpless against overwhelming odds, so a troop of Life Guards was called in. Sixteen prisoners were taken; and the rest of the rioters dispersed. So effectively did the Life Guards do their work that it was likened to a skittle ball ploughing through the skittles.

Thereafter, the game of Table Skittles, or Bar Skittles, was often called "Devil among the Tailors" (see the Beatles film "A Hard Day's Night" - especially Ringo Starr's part).



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