

Little Grey Cat

(v1 - 2/3/2023)

An English Country Dance by Renée Camus ©January 16, 2023

Tune: *The Shepherdess*, traditional Irish tune

Duple-minor longways

Easy-Int

AABB, 8 bars each

6/8

♩ = 108?

A1	1-4	On the diagonal, all go forward and back.
	5-8	All spiral in a half-circle to the L (R-shoulder into the center; no hands), then cast over L-shoulder one place (end 1 place to L from home).
A2	1-8	All repeat, with spiral circle to R (L-shoulder in), and cast over R-shoulder. End at home.
B1	1-4	Partners back to back.
	5-8	Neighbors take inside hands and gate halfway around (1s moving forward, 2s backing up) to face out, then set. (End progressed and proper.)
B2	1-4	Partners face en face (R-shoulder).
	5-8	1s cast up the outside of the set and lead down the center, while 2s lead down the center and cast back up to progressed place (loop in to face each other to start).

This dance was written for Katy Muzikar, who won the dance at the 2022 Hey Days auction. It is written in honor of her little grey cat, Trickysy. The A figures represent Trickysy rolling around in a sunbeam. The B figures represent the classic indecision of all cats when it comes to going outside or not. ☺

Teaching notes:

- A1 and A2 5-8: As you spiral in, the circle will ideally get a little tighter and then open out again with the cast. Try to catch your corner's eye before casting over your shoulder.
- B2 1-4: Face en face is a reverse back to back: Standing with your back to your partner, fall back passing R-shoulder, move slightly to the right, then go forward passing L-shoulder to place.