



### Basic Steps for the *Roger de Coverly* (also known as the "Virginia Reel")

1. Form two lines, boys on one side and girls on the other. There must be a lead or "top" couple, which will be Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig. Facing each other with space through the center, both lines walk toward each, curtsy or bow, and walk backward to their original places (Repeat).
2. Partners walk to the center, join right hands, walk around each other, then return to their places. As this is repeated, the "thread-the-needle" may be performed (see vocabulary).
3. Partners "Do-Si-Do" around each other (left then right), then return to places. Repeat by using an allemande or hold both hands, turning, and return to places.
4. "Corkscrew." The top couple joins hands and turns. The lead girl does the same step with the boy in the couple next to her. At the same time, the lead boy does the same step with the girl in the couple next to him. The top couple repeats the step together and does the same step with the next couple until all have performed this pattern. The top couple (now at the bottom of the line) holds hands, sliding (as in a *chassé*) through the center until the couple is in the original "top" spot. This is a good time for the lead boy to perform his "cut" step (see vocabulary).
5. The top couple splits away in the "Cast-Off" or "Follow-the-Leader." The girls follow the lead girl; the boys follow the lead boy. The girls and boys walk in a circle away from the center until they are back in their original places. The individual couples join hands up in the air, like an arch, as the top or "lead" couple again holds hands, sliding under the arch until they reach the bottom. The original top couple is now the end or bottom couple.