

# Birthday Jam

(Anniversary Jam)

The Birthday Jam is a simple mixer to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or other special event, and can be applied to any kind of social dance, especially the favorite dance of the person(s) being celebrated.

## Description

The person(s) being celebrated finds a partner, while everyone else stands along the sidelines. The person(s) being celebrated identify themselves to the group by raising their hand, or being pointed to by their partner.

As the initial couples dance, anyone from the rest of the group can cut in to dance with one of the people being celebrated. People cutting in should allow enough time for the person before them to dance a few figures, and be polite about cutting in (to the people currently dancing, and to anyone else who might want to cut in at the same time).

## Addition: Birthday Pivots

The Birthday Jam can be followed by Birthday Pivots. The person being celebrated chooses a partner, then pivots the number of years associated with the celebration. (A 30-year old will dance 30 pivots, a couple married 10 years will dance 10 pivots, etc.) This is accompanied by rhythmic clapping by the group (which usually accelerates).