

1954 SANTA BARBARA FOLK DANCE CONFERENCE

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ARKAN IZ SMODNE (Ukranian)

- SOURCE: This version of the Arkan is done by the Hutzuls in the Carpathian Mountains. It comes from a village called "Smodna" and is in general classed as a semi-circle Arkan. The village is about 10 miles southeast of Kolomyja and near the Moldavian Border.
- FORMATION: Semi-circle of men (6 or more) arms on each others shoulders.
- MUSIC: 2/4 time, 12 measures per melody.
- RECORD: Ethnic Folkways Library FE - 4535B-Band 2

Arkan Step: *style - ft are kept low to the floor, toe is turned down and out.*

- Meas 1, Beat 1, Step on the rt ft. to the rt.
Beat 2, Step on the left ft. to the rt., behind the rt. ft. and lift rt. to ankle height.
- Meas 2 Beat 1, Step on the rt. ft. to the rt., bring left ft. around to the front of the rt.
Beat 2, Left ft. in the air to the left side not high and not far out.
- Meas 3, Beat 1, Step on the left ft. to the right, behind the rt ft., lift the rt. ft. in front.
Beat 2, Bring the rt. ft. out to the side, ready to step on it for measure 1, Beat 1.

Prebey

- Meas 1, Beat 1,2 Same as Arkan step.
Meas 2, Beat 1 Same as Arkan step
Beat 2 Step on left ft.
Meas 3, Beat 1 Strike the rt ft. in a fwd. direction on the floor.
Beat 2 Hold

Dva Prebey

Same as Prebey, with an added strike on Measure 4, beat 1.
Hold Measure 4, beat 2.

Dva Veleki, Tre Mali

- Meas 1, 2, 3, 4 Same as Dva Prebey
Meas 5, Beat 1 Stamp the rt foot
Beat 2 Stamp the rt foot
Meas 6, Beat 1 Stamp the rt foot
Beat 2 Hold

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Tre Minai

Meas 1, Beat 1,2 Same as Arkan Step
 Meas 2, Beat 1 Same as Arkan Step
 Beat 2 Step on left foot
 Meas 3, Beat 1 Step to face left (1/4 CCW turn) onto rt. foot across
 the front of the left ft. and to the left side of the
 left ft.
 Beat 2 Step to face rt. (1/2 turn CW) onto left foot across
 the front of the rt. foot and to the rt. side of the
 rt. ft.
 Meas 4, Beat 1 Repeat Measure 3, Beat 1
 Beat 2 Bring left ft. to the side of the rt. and swing both
 to face fwd.

Pjat Minai

Meas 1,2,3, Same as Tre Minai
 Meas 4, Beat 1 Repeat meas 3, Beat 1
 Beat 2 Repeat Meas 3, Beat 2
 Meas 5, Beat 1 Repeat Meas 3, Beat 1
 Beat 2, Bring left ft. to the side of the rt. and swing both
 to face fwd.

Pidkivka

Meas 1,2 Same as Arkan Step
 Meas 3, Beat 1 Same as Arkan Step
 Beat 2 Keep rt. ft. out to side and hit the left heel to the
 rt. heel by jumping off the left and again landing
 on the same (left) foot.

Tre Pidkivka

Meas 1,2,3 Same as Pidkivka
 Meas 4, Beat 1 Same as Meas 3, Beat 2 of Pidkivka
 Beat 2 Same as Measure 3, Beat 2 of Pidkivka