

Passu Torrau

(Italy - Sardinia)

Passu Torrau comes from the territory of Mamoiada, Nuoro in Sardinia. It consists, differently from other kinds of Sardinian dances, having two different steps. *Passu* means "step" and *torrau* means "to come back." The song to the dance, *Amore Contrariadu* (Complicated Love), is played by the group Janas.

Pronunciation: PAH-soo toh-RAU

Music: CD: *Danze Italiane* Vol 1, Band 17 6/8 meter

Formation: Closed circle for any number of people. Stand facing into the ctr, shoulder to shoulder,| hands joined, forearms parallel to the floor.

Steps & Styling: Slight bounce from the knees on each step.

Meas Pattern

Free INTRODUCTION. No action. Begin dancing with lyrics.

I. FIGURE 1

1 Step on L to L (ct 1); step on R next to L, with wt (ct 2); step on L to L (ct 3); bring R to L, no wt (ct 4); step on R to R (ct 5); bring L next to R, no wt, bending knees (ct 6).

II. FIGURE 2

1 Step fwd on L (ct 1); step on R next to L, with wt (ct2); bend both knees (ct 3); straighten both legs (ct 4); bend knees (ct 5); straighten legs (ct 6).

2 Step bkwd on L (ct 1); step on R next to L, with wt (ct 2); step on L to L (ct 3); bring R to L, no wt (ct 4); step on R to R side (ct 5); bring L to R, no wt, bending knees (ct 6).

SEQUENCE: Leader signals the change from Fig 1 to Fig 2 at will by shouting "AI-oh!"

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