

GAITANAKI

Greece (Rhodes)

Record: Kleftes KL-101 B

Formation: Circle dance for women. "Basket hold", right arm under, left arm over.

Meter: 2/4. PATTERN

MeasurePART I.

- 1-2 Facing slightly R and moving R, two steps (R, L) forward. (Ct 1-2, 3-4).
- 3 Turning to face center, step sideward R on R ft (Ct 1).
Close L ft to R without touching (Ct 2).
- 4-6 Repeat pattern of Measures 1-3, reversing direction and footwork.
- 7 Facing center, step forward on R ft (Ct 1).
Close L ft to R without touching (Ct 2).
- 8 Step-Glose * (Left) backward (Cts 1-2).
- 9 Cross and step on L ft in back of R, bending knees slightly (Ct 1-2).
- 10 Step-Glose (Right) sideward R (Cts 1-2).
- 11 Step sideward R on R ft (Cts 1-2).
- 12 Turning to face slightly R, step forward on L ft (Cts 1-2).

REPEAT pattern of Measures 1-12 for a total of 4 times.

PART II.

- 1 Turning to face center, step sideward R on R ft (Ct 1).
- 2 Close L ft to R without touching (Ct 2).
- 3-8 Same as Measures 7-12 above.
- 9-15 Repeat pattern of Measures 1-8 for a total of 2 times.

*Step-Glose (Right), Step on R ft (Ct 1). Close and step on L ft beside R (Ct 2). Repeat, reversing footwork, for Step-Glose (Left).

Translation: Gaitanaki: a kind of braiding.

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