

GAITANAKI

Greece (Rhodes)

TRANSLATION: Gaitanaki: a kind of braiding.

RECORD: Kleftes KL-101 B

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

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METER: 2/4

PATTERN

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Measure

PART 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-Close\* (Left) backward (cts 1-2).
- 9 Cross and step on L ft in back on R, bending knees slightly (ct. 1-2).
- 10 Step-Close (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-Close (Right), Step on R ft (ct 1). Close and step on L ft beside R (ct 2). Repeat, reversing footwork, for Step-Close (Left).