

GALYAM GALYAM (Bulgaria)

Origin: From Rhodopi folk area of Bulgaria

Background: Galyam Galyam is the name of the song. The dance is from the village of Gela, Bulgaria, in the Smolyan region. The dance has a 7-measure sequence, whereas the music has an 8-measure sequence, so the dance is not always in synch with the phrasing of the music.

Formation: Mixed line/open circle, leads to right, entire dance done facing center

Handhold: W position

Music: Iliana Bozhanova & Todor Yankov's Magic CD, track 9. Meter: 2/4

Introduction: 24 measure instrumental introduction, dance starts when singing begins.

<u>Measure</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Pattern</u>
1	1	Step on L foot forward toward center
	2	Lift on L heel
2	1	Step backward on R foot
	2	Step backward on L foot
3	1	Step on R foot next to L foot
	2	Lift on R heel
4	1	Step on L foot in place
	2	Step on R foot across L foot
5	1	Step on L foot in place
	2	Lift on L heel
6	1	Step on R foot to R
	2	Step on L foot behind R foot, while slightly bending R knee
7	1	Step on R foot to R side
	2	Lift on R heel

Dance notes by Iliana Bozhanova, slightly modified by Nina Lusterman. Originally presented by Iliana Bozhanova, at Evanston Folk Dance Group, Spring, 2010. Taught by Nina Lusterman at DCFF 2010, and Sanna Longden at SAFDF 2014.