

GREIZ or GREICIUS

Folkraft #1052

Less known among Lithuanians is Greiz which entered Lithuania along the Latvian border. The Lithuanianized name, Greicius, means the Speedy One--the effect one gets from the spinning.

Large double circle facing counter-clockwise. Boys toward the center. Inside hands joined (boy's right with girl's left).

Start with outside foot (right for girls, left for boys). Only boys' step will be described. Girls do the same with the opposite foot. Step left, right, left, turn to face clockwise reversing hands and placing right heel forward (2 Meas.). Step right, left, right, turn to face counter-clockwise placing left heel forward (2 Meas.). Release hands and make a little circle in place with four steps, turning away from each other (2 Meas.). Join hands in a close dance position and twirl in place with four steps (2 Meas.). Repeat from beginning.

If used as a mixer, during the single circle turns the boy moves forward toward his left (counter-clockwise) and twirls the girl on his left. Progress forward at each single turn.