

Mendil

(Eastern Turkey)

Mendil (mehn-DEEL) means "handkerchief," and in some regions "scarf." The dance was taught by Ahmet Lüleci at the 1999 University of the Pacific Stockton Folk Dance Camp.

Cassette: Ahmet Lüleci. Dances from Turkey Side A/4 2/4 meter

Formation: Semi-circle of mixed dancers facing center with hands joined in V-pos, little finger hold, L palm back, R palm forward, joined hands slightly behind hips. Leader on R.

Styling: Dance close to neighbors, hips nearly touching, hands joined behind hips whenever facing ctr. Except when shimmying, shoulders relaxed and bouncing. Shoulders shimmy during crossing steps (Fig I, meas 3, 4).

Measures	2/4 meter	PATTERN
2 meas		<u>INTRODUCTION</u> . Drum beats with no action
		I. <u>STEPS IN PLACE AND MOVING FORWARD AND BACK</u> (instrumental)
1		Bouncing on L, raise R leg with knee bent fwd and ball of R ft touching floor beside L (ct 1); transfer wt to full R ft beside L (ct &); step on L beside R (ct 2).
2		Repeat meas 1.
3		Step on R beside L (ct 1); step on L across in front of R (ct &); step on R back to place (ct 2). Shldr shimmies (cts 1-2).
4		Repeat meas 3 with opp ftwk and direction (cts 3-4).
5-8		Repeat meas 1-4.
9-12		Repeat meas 1-4, but take steps fwd in meas 9-10.
13-16		Repeat meas 1-4.
17-20		Repeat meas 1-4, but take steps bkwd in meas 17-18.
		II. <u>MOVING IN LOD</u> (vocal)
1		Turning to face LOD, lower arms retaining finger hold, with L hand in small of own back and extended R hand at neighbor's back, step on R heel diag away from ctr (ct 1); step on L behind R (ct &); step fwd on R (ct 2).
2		Repeat meas 1 with opp ftwk and moving diag twd ctr.
3		Turning to face ctr, step diag bkwd on R to R accenting bent knee, leaving ball of R ft in place (ct 1); bounce twice on both ft (cts 2, &).

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4 Touch L heel fwd in place, no wt (ct 1); lifting L sharply and turning to face LOD, step on L beside R (ct 2); raise R heel sharply behind (ct &).

5-32 Repeat meas 1-4 seven times (8 times total).

Sequence: Repeat dance as written 2 more times (3 times total).

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Song Words:

Mendilim yele yele
 Düsmüsem gurbet ele
 Yedi mendil çürüttüm
 Gözyasım sile sile

Hadi gidi yarım can yarım
 Kasları sürme yarım
 Gözleri sürme yarım
 Davul zurna önünde
 Halaylar çeker yarım

Mendilim pare pare
 Düsmüsem ahuzare
 Bekledim sen gelmedin
 Yüregim yare yare

Hadi gidi yarım can yarım
 Kasları sürme yarım
 Gözleri sürme yarım
 Davul zurna önünde
 Halaylar çeker yarım

Mendilim senin olsun
 Sakla koynunda kalsın
 Ben murad almamışam
 Bari mendilim alsın

Hadi gidi yarım can yarım
 Kasları sürme yarım
 Gözleri sürme yarım
 Davul zurna önünde
 Halaylar çeker yarım