

BLACK EARTH CIRCLE (Schwarzerdner Gemeinschaftstanz)

Music: Folkdancer MH 1127

Formation: An even number of couples in a circle facing the center joining hands and extending arms.

Steps: Three-steps (3 walking steps per measure), long-short-short or step-close-step.

- | <u>Meas.</u> | <u>Pattern</u> |
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| A. 1-7 | Circle CW beginning on L ft. |
| 8 | Change direction by stepping in place |
| 1-7 | (repetition) Circle CCW |
| 8 | Keep inner H joined with own partner and turn to face the next couple. (At beginning of the dance designate which two couples are dancing together.) |
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| B. 1 | Couples facing CW form an arch by raising their joined inside H and walk fwd; couples facing CCW walk fwd under the arch at the same time. |
| 2 | All drop H, turn half around by facing own partner first and join other H. |
| 3-4 | Return to place same way; this time the other couple is forming the arch. |
| 5 | Repeat meas. 1 |
| 6 | Do not turn but walk fwd twd the oncoming couple |
| 7-8 | Circle four half CW |
| 1-8 | (repetition) As above from new pos - ending in starting formation. |
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| C. 1-2 | M leads W from his RH to his LH. At the end of the first meas they are momentarily opposite <u>each other</u> with both H joined, arms extended, and weight balanced bkwd. M step-close-step L bkwd (meas. 1) and then R fwd (meas. 2). W three-step L fwd with a 1/2 turn L (meas. 1) and then R bkwd with a 1/2 turn L (meas. 2). W has shifted one pos CW in the circle. |
| 3-8 | Repeat as above 3 more times. |
| 1-8 | (repetition) Repeat as above. All together there are eight shifts. |
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| <u>Ending:</u> | |
| A 1-8 | (with repetition) Circle CW and CCW as in the beginning. On meas 7 of the repetition all three-step L fwd twd the center of the circle and on meas. 8 ct. 1 and 2 finish with a step-close R fwd. |

--presented by the Dunsings