

SELJANCICA KOLO

Serbian Folk Dance

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FORMATION: No partners in a broken circle with a male leader preferably. Joined hands are held straight down, and body is quite erect, tall proud, almost arrogant in manner.

PART 1: Simple Form:

Step to R on Rft. Step on Lft behind Rft.  
Step to R on Rft again. Point Ltoe forward.  
Step to L on Lft. Step on Rft behind Lft.  
Step to L on Lft again. Point Rtoe forward.  
Repeat all of Part 1 again.

Authentic traditional step is a "Basic Kolo Step." This step is quite difficult to learn from the printed word, but here are the directions anyway.

Hop on Lft and immediately drop on Rft in front of Lft.  
Step on Lft behind Rft. Step on Rft in place.  
Hop on Rft.  
Hop on Rft again, drop onto Lft foot in front of Rft.  
Step on Rft behind Lft. Step on Lft in place. Hop on Lft.  
Hop on Lft again, and continue this step as described alternating feet.

The steps should be close to the floor, tiny with flexed knees. Movement is more up and down, than side to side. There are many variants on this Basic Kolo Step.

PART 2: Step to R, then bring Lft up to it and step L bring Rft up to it. Repeat this. During this figure body should shake slightly up and down with each step like a tremble. It is fun to sing "Desno" and "Levo" which means, "Right" and "Left."

PART 3: Walk 8 steps to R and 8 steps to L, or else do a "Lame-duck" step by hopping on Lft and almost simultaneously falling on Rft. Then step on Lft, HOP on Lft again, bringing Rft down quickly, and another step on Lft. Repeat for the whole phrase of music. Then reverse direction, but this time Hop on Rft and come down on Lft, then step on Rft. Take 4 "lame-duck" steps each way.

NOTE: The word "KOLO" means circle and is a dance form common to Yugoslavia, especially Serbia. There are thousands of Kolos, all having similar basic steps in different patterns. This Seljančica Kolo was the first Serbian dance introduced to American folk dancers. The title translates into Village Kolo..it is also known as "Djacko Kolo", Student Kolo, and other names.

