

Sicilian Tarantella - Italy

sets of two couples. Men next to each other facing their partners. Meter 6/8, counted as 1, 2

Measure Count Step

Part I

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| 1 | 1-2 | Step on R foot in place (1), hop on R foot and clap hands overhead. (2) |
| 2 | | Repeat measure 1 with opposite footwork. Snap your fingers on beat two rather than clapping hands. |
| 3 | 1-2 | Take 2 running steps in place, starting with the R foot |
| 4 | | Repeat measure 3 |
| 5-16 | | Repeat measures 1-4 three more times |

Part II

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| 1 | 1-2 | Run on R foot forward (1), run on L foot forward (2) |
| 2 | | Repeat measure 1 |
| 3-4 | | Repeat measures 1-2 running backwards |
| 5-16 | | Repeat measures 1-4 three more times |

Part III

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| 1 | 1-2 | Head man and foot lady take two steps towards each other |
| 2-3 | | Head man and foot lady hook R arms and circle around each other with 4 steps, until they face their original positions. |
| 4 | 1-2 | Head man and foot lady return to their original positions and turn to face forward |
| 5-8 | | Head lady and foot man do measures 1-4 |
| 9-16 | | Repeat measures 1-8 hooking L elbows instead of R elbows |
| 17-24 | | Repeat measures 1-8 but do a do-si-do passing R shoulders first instead of turning with elbows hooked |
| 25-32 | | Repeat measures 17-24 passing L shoulders first |

Part IV

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| 1-4 | | Each person face to the R and put hands on hips. Do 8 skipping steps in the circle |
| 5-8 | | Turn to face to the L and repeat the footwork for measures 1-4 |

Count...

- 9-12 Face to the R, make a L hand star and repeat the footwork for measures 1-4
- 13-16 Face to the L, make a R hand star and repeat the footwork for measures 1-4

Note: There are other ways of doing this dance. These are the steps described in Richard Kraus' *Folk Dancing* published in 1962 by the MacMillan Company in New York. If you are interested in getting this book, it is frequently available on [eBay](#)

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