

SIDE 2

**SHOEMAKER'S DANCE** (Denmark)



The action of this dance suggests the movements of the shoemaker at work. This is the Danish version, although the dance is enjoyed in many countries by young and old.

**OPENING FORMATION:** Double circle with girls on outside, facing partners. Hands on own hips.

**PART 1: Meas. 1:** "WINDING THE THREAD"—With forearms held horizontally, clench fists in front of chest. Revolve fists around each other forward and rapidly.

**Meas. 2:** Revolve fists rapidly *backward*.

**Meas. 3:** "PULLING THE THREAD"—Pull elbows backward twice, vigorously and with a strong jerk, as if breaking thread across chest.

**Meas. 4:** "DRIVING THE PEGS"—Clap own hands 3 times (or pound one fist on the other).

**Meas. 5-8:** Repeat all **PART 1**.

**PART 2: Meas. 9-16:** In shoulder-waist position, polka around the circle. (Children may prefer to join inside hands and skip forward 8 counts.)