

SOYOTTE LORRAINE

French Couple Dance

Folkraft Record F - 1091 B (b)

"Soyotte" is the patois for the French "Scie" meaning: "Saw." This dance is popular through Lorraine and Champagne provinces of France. There are many other dances resembling this one among various European nations.

POSITION: Face partner with hands criss-crossed in a skating position.

Jump and extend L heel forward and at the same time turn body in a counter-clockwise direction (saw) -- boy's left hand and girl's right hand pulled backward during the jump, but not released. One measure.

Jump again, this time extending R heel forward, and saw pulling other hands back and turn slightly to face a clockwise direction.

During the next two measures execute four jumps as above sawing hands back and forth during the jumps.

Repeat all of the above once again.

Now there is a one-measure interlude during which time the dancers may either stand still, mark time in place, or, the boy will bow while the girl curtsies.

Repeat all of the above minus the interlude.

During the next 8 measures (part B), without releasing hands, all turn to face a counter-clockwise direction and either skip forward or polka. Do a regular West European type of polka (not Lithuanian style).