

Staro Kolo  
(Kaludjerce, Leskovac - Serbia)

This dance is from the village of Kaludjerce, which is in the region around the city of Leskovac, Serbia. The name means "Old Wheel". There are a lot of dances called Staro Kolo and they have one thing in common and that is they have a basic step followed by a ruchenitza step. These dances may be holdovers from the time of the Bulgarian rule over what is now Serbia. I learned this dance in 1983 from the villagers of Kaludjerce, Serbia.

Pronunciation: STAH-roh KOH-loh  
Cassette: Serbian Village Dances KF '02'  
Meter: 2/4 and 7/8  
Formation: Line or open circle, leader at R end. Hands joined and held down in V position. Wt is on L ft.

Meas. Figure 1. 2/4 meter  
1 Step on R ft to R (ct1); hop on R ft (ct &); step on L ft to R (ct 2); hop on L ft (ct 2).  
2 Step on R ft to R (ct 1); step on L ft to R (ct &); step on R ft to R turning to face ctr(ct 2); hop on R ft (ct &).  
Repeat meas 1 & 2 with opp ftwk and direction.

Meas. Figure 2 7/8 meter  
1 Step R ft in place (ct 1); step L ft in place (ct &); step R ft in place (ct 2).  
2 Step L ft in place (ct 1); step R ft in place (ct &); step L ft in place (ct 2).  
3-8 Repeat meas 1 & 2, 3 more times. 4 times in all.

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