

STOPPGALOPP -- North Germany

(Couple dance)

Translation: Stop (the) Gallop (Step).

Record: Tanz SP 23 053 or EP 58 116.

Formation: Circle of couples.

Starting Position: Ballroom position, man's back to center. Man's left and woman's right foot free.

Music: 2/4

Meas. Part I (Music AA)

- 1 Two slides (gallop steps) sdwd in LOD.
 2 Jump sdwd in LOD on both ft together (ct 1), pause (ct 2).
 3-4 PIVOT TURN (four steps) in place.
 5-16 Repeat pattern of meas. 1-4 three times (4 times in all).
 Finish with both hands joined in a two-hand circle, both with L ft free.

Part II (Music BB)

- 17-18 LIFT on R ft touching L toe (occasionally heel) fwd (ct 1), close and step on L ft beside R ft (ct 2), and repeat, reversing footwork (cts 3-4).
 19-20 TWO-HAND CIRCLE L half around with four walking steps starting with L ft.
 21-32 Repeat pattern of meas. 17-20 three times (4 times in all).

Part III (Music CC)

- 33-48 POLKA PROMENADE.

PIVOT TURN: With pivot (walking) steps turn CW with ptr in ballroom pos, turning twice (or once) around with each four pivot steps.

LIFT: Hop, but not quite because ball of foot does not quite leave the ground.

TWO-HAND CIRCLE: Two people join hands with arms wide apart forming almost a circle, and move as designated.

POLKA PROMENADE: With polka steps turn CW with ptr in ballroom pos, progressing in LOD.

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