

SUKTINIS

(The Twirler)

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Though not as old as Noriu Miego, Suktinis is the best liked Lithuanian ballroom dance. No dance is complete without it.

POSITION: Double circle of couples, boys on the inside, girls to the right, boy's R arm around girl's waist, her R arm holds her skirt; with his L hand he holds her L hand in front of his chest. Boy's L elbow held shoulders high.

SUKTINIS STEP: This step is very similar to a polka step.

- (1) A little skip on the L foot, kicking R foot slightly forward.
- (2) Step on R foot.
- (3) Step on L foot.
- (4) Pause.

Repeat beginning with R foot.

Meas. 1-7: Seven "Suktinis" steps forward.

Meas. 8: Stamp three times.

Meas. 9-11: Six skipping steps turning in place, girls going forward around boy (counter-clockwise).

Meas. 12: Change Places. With L hands still joined, girl passes sideward under boy's L arm, finishing his L arm across her chest and with her R arm around his waist. Boy's R hand on hip.

Meas. 13-15: Six skips in place with boy turning forward around girl (counter-clockwise).

Meas. 16: As in measure 12, boy passing under girl's L arm, finishing in original position.