

TROIKA

(Russian Trio Dance)

Formation: A circle of "Threes" facing CCW. Trios formed by one boy and two girls; one girl and two boys; all boys or all girls.

Record: Folkraft 1170x45.

Starting Position: Hands joined in lines of "Threes," ctr dancer joining inside hands with ptr on each side. R ft free.

MeasPattern

- I.
- 1 Four running steps diag fwd to R, starting with R ft.
 2 Four running steps diag fwd to L, starting with R ft.
 3-4 Eight running steps fwd, starting with R ft.
- II.
- 5-6 Ctr dancer and L-hand ptr raise joined hands to form an arch and run in place while R-hand ptr, with 8 running steps, passes in front of ctr dancer, goes under the arch, around the ctr dancer, and returns to place. The ctr dancer unwinds by turning under the raised arm.
 7-8 L-hand ptr runs under the arch formed by ctr dancer and R-hand ptr, repeating pattern of meas 5-6.
- III.
- 9-12 Circle L, in groups of "Threes," with 12 running steps, ending with 3 stamps in place.
 13-16 Circle R with 12 running steps, opening out at the end to reform lines of "Threes" facing CCW, and end with 3 stamps in place.
- Progressive:
- 1-12 Same as above.
 13-14 Circle R, in groups of "Threes," with 8 running steps, finishing with ctr dancer facing CCW.
 15-16 Ctr dancer runs under ptrs' joined hands, releasing them to advance to two new ptrs ahead. R and L hand ptrs run in place while waiting for new ctr dancer to join them.

Repeat entire dance with new ptrs each time.

Note: Troika, in Russian, means a team of 3 horses abreast.

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