

BABLEKAN

Turkey

TRANSLATION: Bablekan is the name of a large Kurdish family that lives in Van. The dance is named after a deceased member of the family.

PRONUNCIATION: BAHB-leh-kahn

TAPE: Turkish Folkdancing, AL 005, side B/2

FORMATION: Semi-circle, facing ctr, joined with pinkies in "W" pos.

METER: 2/4 PATTERN

Times Cts
done

INTRODUCTION: Solo; pause in music; 8 meas; beg with full orchestra

PART 1:

9 Do a total of 9 times.

- 1 Facing ctr, pinkies joined in "W" pos - step R to R - arms do windshield wiper motion to R;
 - 2 Step L across R - arms windshield wiper to L;
 - 3-4 Repeat meas 1-2;
 - 5 Step R to R - arms ctr, elbows pull down;
 - 6 Lift L then push it fwd and low to floor - arms lower to "V" pos with a slight over-the-waterfall movement;
 - 7 Step L bkwd with plie;)
 - 8 Step R bkwd;) down-up-down feeling
 - 9 Step L bkwd with plie;)
 - 10 Touch R toe beside L ft.
- Note: Shldr shakes are done at will when moveing bkwd during cts 7-10.

PART 2:

6 Do a total of 6 times.
Arms same as Part 1.

- 1&2 Hop on L sdwd R; step R to R; step on L across R;
 - 3&4 Repeat cts 1-&-2;
 - 5-6 Jump onto both ft in place; hop on R as L pumps fwd;
 - 7 Step L bkwd with plie;)
 - 8 Step R bkwd) down-up-down feeling
 - 9 Step L bkwd with plie;)
 - 10 Touch R toe beside L ft.
- Note: Shldr shakes are done at will when moveing bkwd during cts 7-10.

ENDING:

On the final repeat of ct 10, instead of touching R toe, pump R fwd; then jump bkwd on both ft and yell, HEY! (ct 11).

This dance has been R&S'd
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