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FOLK DANCE CONFERENCE

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GITÇIT
Turkey

Chut-chut: Translation- as the sound created from two hard objects being knocked together.

SOURCE: This couple dance from western Turkey, Balikesir-Bursa area, was learned by Bora Özkök from Cent Karacaoğlu in 1972.

RECORD: BOZ-OK 104, Side 2, band 2

FORMATION: Couples in an open circle with little fingers hooked about shoulder level, arms bent, bodies close.

STEPS & STYLING: Handkerchiefs are essential, usually held by the W. (the male dancer leading the line is the one exception) Begin the dance at the begging of an 7 8- meas phrase. Begin with the L ft.

MUSIC: 2/4

PATTERN

FIG I-QUICK STEPS

Start with L (ct 1) R (ct 2) L (ct 3) hop on L (ct 4) Continuing R, step R (ct 1) L (ct 2) (ct 3) hop on R (ct 4). The line with cpls hands hooked at shldr level moves on with 1,2,3 hop-1,2,3, hop until the leader calls "Esler" which means "couples".

FIG II: PARTNERS

WOMEN: Raise hand to shldr height, bent at the elbow and swinging the handkerchief to L,R,L,R,L, with each step taken. At the same time- in place- step L,R,L,R,L. On the 6th ct arms go back behind the head, hands straight up, reaching up, reaching back. Bending body back, step back on R (Ct 6) swing both hands fwd, clapping both palms with ptr twice (cts 7,8). Then very quickly turn CCW twice in place with hands up in the air, swinging the handkerchief. (while turning, L ft is kept as pivot and R ft as a tool to help the turn.) This is done for 4 cts and at the end of th 4 cts, the W must stop her turning, return to line formation, and resume FIG I.

MEN: In FIG I, a M leads the couples line, alternating M & W. With the "Esler" command, each M cuts twd ctr of the large circle, making a small circle (3 ft in diam) with L (ct 1) R (ct 2) L (Ct 3) R (ct 4) L (ct 5), step back away from ptr on R, reaching back with hands ready

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to clap (ct 6). Clap with ptrs hands twice (cts 7,8).
Wlak back to the line in 4 steps (Ct 4 cts) while the
W is turning twice, Swing R hand fwd with every L step
and L hand fwd with every R step.

REMEMBER TO BRING HANDKERCHIEFS