

SHOEMAKER'S DANCE

(Danish)

In ancient days, skilled craftsmen, who belonged to guilds in Europe, often had their own occupational dances that they did on special holidays. The Shoemaker's Dance is of this type, and was brought to the United States in 1917 by members of the Danish Folk Dance Society.

Suggested Age Level: Kindergarten and grades 1-2.

Record: Folkraft 1187x45 A

Formation: Double circle of cpls, ptrs facing. B have their backs to ctr of circle.

Meter: 2/4

Words to Song: Fig I (Music A)

Wind, wind, wind the bobbin,
Wind, wind, wind the bobbin,
Pull, pull,
Clap, clap, clap.

Wind, wind, wind the bobbin,
Wind, wind, wind the bobbin,
Pull, pull,
Tap, tap, tap.

Tra, la, la, la, la, la, la
(repeat three more times)

or

Heel and toe and away we go,
Heel and tow and away we go,
See my new shoes neatly done,
Away we go to have some fun.

MeasPattern

1-2

INTRODUCTIONFIG I (Music A)

- 1 With arms bent at shoulder height and hands clenched to form fists, circle one fist over the other in front of the chest four times (winding the bobbin) (cts 1, &, 2, &).
- 2 Repeat meas 1 but reverse the action of the arms, "winding the thread" in the opp direction (cts 1, &, 2, &).

Continued.

- 3 Pull the elbows back vigorously twice to "pull and tighten the thread" (cts 1-2).
- 4 Clap own hands three times (cts 1, &, 2). Hold (ct &).
- 5-7 Repeat meas 1-2, Fig I.
- 8 Tap own fists together three times to "drive the peg" (cts 1, &, 2). Hold (ct &).

FIG II (Music B)

- 1-8 Pts face LOD (CCW) and join inside hands. Skip fwd sixteen times.

Dance repeats from beginning.

Variation for Fig II (Music B)

- 1 Pts face LOD (CCW) and join inside hands. Place heel of outside ft fwd (ct 1). Place toe of outside ft in back (ct 2).
- 2 Starting with outside ft, run fwd three steps (cts 1, &, 2). Pause (ct &).
- 3-4 Repeat meas 1-2 of variation but start with inside ft.
- 5-8 Repeat meas 1-4 of variation.

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