

Teškata Maško

Macedonia

This is a men's dance from Skopje area. It is done on many occasions, wedding, picnic, Slava, etc.

FORMATION: Line or open circle with "W" hold

RHYTHM: Follow the drum beat., 7/8 (1, 2, 3)(Meas. 1-8), 4/4 (Meas.9-24)

METER: 7/8 & 4/4

PATTERN

Meas

Step on R to R and bring L knee up in front (first drum beat); Čukče on R (second drum beat); Step on L behind R and bring R knee up in front (third drum beat); Čukče on L (fourth drum beat); Čukče on L again (fifth drum beat)

- 1 Facing diag. to R, Step on R fwd (ct.1); Lift on R bring L ft next to R calf (ct. 2); Step on L fwd (ct.3)
- 2 Repeat Meas. 1
- 3 Step on R fwd (ct.1).; Step on L fwd (ct.2); Step on R fwd (ct.3)
- 4 Step on L fwd and face ctr. (ct. 1); Bring R knee up in front slowly with drum beats; Step on R to R with next drum beat and bring L knee up in front.
- 5-8 Repeat Meas 1-4 with opp. ft and direction.
- 9 Facing diag. to R, Step on R fwd (cts. 1,2); Step on L fwd (cts.3,4)
- 10 Step on R fwd and face ctr.(cts. 1,2); Čukče on R and bring L knee up in front (cts.3,4)
- 11 Step on L to L (cts.1,2); Step on R in front of L (cts.3,4)
- 12 Step on L in place (cts. 1,2); Čukče on L and bring R knee up in front (cts.3,4)
- 13 Turn to CW with Meas. 9 steps
- 14 Repeat Meas. 10
- 15-16 Repeat Meas.13-14 with opp. ft and direction
- 17-24 Repeat Meas.9- 16

Repeat from the beginning but add one more Čukče on R after second drum beat.

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