

CRAÎȚELE
(Romania)

Craîțele is a type of rustemul from the region of Oltenia, the villages of Poiana and Polovraci. Alexandru David learned the dance from Ion Petcu, former soloist of the Romanian Rhapsody Ensemble, now chairman of folk dance teaching at the Popular School of Arts in Bucharest.

Pronunciation:

Record: Gypsy Camp Vol V. Side B/3 2/4 meter

Formation: Circle of dancers in "T" pos. Originally done by W.

Meas

Pattern

I. TRAVEL SDWD LOD

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| 1 | Step R to R (ct 1); step L behind R (ct &); step R to R (ct 2); step L behind R (ct &). |
| 2 | Repeat meas 1 but hold on last ct &. |
| 3-4 | Repeat meas 1-2 with opp ftwk and direction. |
| 5-8 | Repeat meas 1-4. |

II. CROSSING STEPS

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| 1 | Step R across L (ct 1); step L (ct &); step R to R (ct 2); step L (ct &). |
| 2 | Step R across L (ct 1); step L (ct &); step R to R (ct 2). |
| 3-4 | Repeat meas 1-2 with opp ftwk. |
| 5 | Repeat meas 2. |
| 6 | Repeat meas 2 with opp ftwk. |
| 7-8 | Repeat meas 5-6. |

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