

# DERE

(SLAVONIA)

Pronunciation: DEH-reh, the r rolled

Dere is one of the easier standard dances in Slavonia., learned by John Filcich at the Winter Folklore Seminar in Croatia in 2008. Given below is the standard version, with alternate following.

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Rhythm: 4/4

Formation: Closed circle, hands in "W" position with middle fingers hooked

Meas. Pattern

- 1 Facing slightly left, step left on left foot.  
Facing slightly left, step right foot left, crossing in front of left. foot.  
Step left on left foot.  
Close right foot to left without taking weight, facing center.
- 2 Repeat action of measure 1 to the right using opposite footwork.
- 3.....Facing slightly left, step left, right, moving left and using two tiny flat-footed, stiff kneed steps.(count 1, and) (left, right)  
Repeat beat (count 1, and) of meas of above (count 2, and)  
" " " " " " (count 3, and)
- 4 " " " " " " (count 4, and)  
" " " " " " (count 1, and)  
" " " " " " (count 2, and)  
Turning to face center, bounce-bounce on both feet (count 3,4)
- 5-6 Repeat patter of measures 3 and 4, reversing direction and footwork.
- 7-8 Repeat measures 1, 2
- 9-10....Repeat measures 3,4, except moving forward towards center of circle, starting on left foot.
- 11-12 Repeat measures 5,6, except moving backward, starting on right foot.  
(these are essentially 10 small steps done quickly, plus the two bounces)

ALTERNATE VERSION:

Formation: Front basket, can be joined by linked middle fingers, left hand under right

- Meas. 1 :Step left with left, close right to left, taking weight, facing center  
Step left with left, close right to left taking no weight.
- Meas. 2 Repeat to right with opposite footwork, facing center
- 3 4 Take 12 small, quick steps to the left starting with left foot still facing center.
- 5-6.....Take 12 small, quick steps to the right, starting right foot, still facing center.

Note: Alternate to meas. 3-4: Do four step-closes to the left, ending with weight on left  
Meas 5-6: same as in original version, the 12 quickies.

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