

Devojačko Kolo

(Serbia)

This is a popular dance known in all parts of Serbia under the name Djurdjevka or Devojačko (Girls' Kolo). This is the version which is danced in the villages around Čačak. It was learned from accordionist Dušan Spasojević from the village of Atenica near Čačak, who was born in 1905 and played the accordion from 1915 until 1965. He is still alive and active. He has two sons and two grandsons who also play accordion, keeping the family tradition alive.

Pronunciation:

Cassette: Slobodan Slović Cassette 1991 Side S/3.

2/4 meter

Formation: Mixed kolo even if the name says "girls' kolo." Open circle, hands down. Danced lightly on balls of feet.

Meas

Pattern

INTRODUCTION.

PART I. Done in place.

- 1 Wt on L, step on R across, turning to face diag L (ct 1); step back in place on L (ct &); step on R beside L (ct 2); step on L in place (ct &).
- 2 Step on R across, turning to face diag L (ct 1); step back in place on L (ct &); step on R beside L (ct 2); lift on R, turning body slightly to R (ct &).
- 3 Step on L across, turning to face diag R (ct 1); step back in place on R (ct &); step on L beside R (ct 2); step on R in place (ct &).
- 4 Step on L across, turning to face diag R (ct 1); step back in place on R (ct &); step on L beside R (ct 2); lift on L, turning body slightly to L (ct &).
- 5-8 Repeat meas 1-4.

PART II. Facing ctr, moving to R.

- 1 Step on R to R (ct 1); step on L behind R (ct &); step on R to R (ct 2); step on L across in front of R (ct &).
- 2 Step on R to R (ct 1); step on L behind R (ct &); step on R to R (ct 2); hopping slightly on R, lift L across in front of R, turning body slightly to R (ct &).
- 3 Step on L across in front of R (ct 1); step on R to R (ct &); step on L behind R (ct 2); step on R to R (ct &).
- 4 Step on L across in front of R (ct 1); step on R to R (ct &); step on L behind R (ct 2); hopping slightly on L, lift R across to L, turning body slightly to L (ct &).
- 5-8 Repeat meas 1-4, using the same ftwk and continuing to the R.

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