

KOUTRI

Slovenia (Gorenjska)

(Group dance for couples)

Record: Folkraft 1545.

Translation: Quilts.

Formation: Column of couples, woman on partner's left.

Starting Position: Inside hands joined.

Music 2/4

Measure

With small shuffling steps (two steps per measure) Head couple duck and move backward under arches formed by joined hands of other couples while each arching couple moves forward and, upon reaching head of column, follow the lead couple to duck and move backward under the arches; upon reaching foot of column lead couple raises hands to form an arch and start moving forward toward the head, others following in the same manner. CONTINUE this throughout the dance.

VARIATION

Lead couple may, upon reaching the head one time or another, turn toward partner half around so woman is on man's right and move forward under arches, same hands (man's left, woman's right) still joined but now in front; other couples follow similarly.

NOTE: In literary Slovenian the word is pronounced the same but spelled *kovtri*; *koutri* is the dialect phonetic spelling.

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