

L'ESQUERRANE  
(France - Pyrénées Orientales)

This is a mixer with a Catalan flavour, especially noticeable in Parts I and II of the dance.

Pronunciation:

Record: Uni-Disc 45-294. 2/4 meter (♩ ♩ ♩)

Formation: A circle of cpls all facing LOD in open pos. Inside hands are held fwd. Outside hands are free for M, and hold skirt for W.

| <u>Meas</u>     | <u>Pattern</u>  |
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| 2               | <u>INTRODUCTION.</u>  |
|                 | <u>PART I. PAS DE POLKA.</u>  |
| A 1             | All starting with R ft, move diag fwd R with a bouncing two-step.   |
| 2               | Repeat action of meas 1 moving diag fwd to L.   |
| 3               | Hop on L ft pointing R leg fwd (ct 1); leap onto R ft pointing L leg fwd (ct 2).                                    |
| 4               | With both ft together, bounce twice.  |
| 5-8             | Repeat action of meas 1-4.  |
|                 | <u>PART II. CHANGEMENT DE PLACE.</u>  |
|                 | All face ptr, joining R hands (shldr high). Change place with ptr describing 1/2 turn CW, using these steps:        |
| B 1             | Hop on L pointing R ft near L ft (ct 1); hop on L pointing R ft fwd (ct &); leap onto R ft (ct 2).                  |
| 2               | Repeat action of meas 1 hopping on R.   |
| 3               | Repeat action of meas 1.  |
| 4               | With both ft together bounce twice, dropping hands.   |
| 5-8             | Join L hands, come back home the same way, starting by hopping on R.  |
|                 | <u>PART III. PROGRESSION.</u>   |
| C 1             | Join R hands. All walk two steps to own L, starting with L ft.  |
| 2               | Point L ft sdwd L (ct 1); point L ft behind R ft (ct 2) taking wt on L ft.  |
| 3-4             | Join L hands. Repeat action of meas 1-2 to R.   |
| 5-8             | Join R elbows and walk seven steps describing a full turn CW.   |
| 1-4<br>(repeat) | Face each other again. Repeat action of meas 1-4 starting on R, joining L hands.                                    |
| 5-8<br>(repeat) | Join L elbows and skip eight times describing a full turn CCW. On cts 7 and 8, W progress fwd to the next M in LOD. |

Repeat from beginning with new ptr.

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