

PAS D' ESPAN

(Russian)

Pas d' Espan is an old fashioned Russian Ballroom dance, popular throughout Europe. The name is French and means 'Spanish Step.' There are several possible figures, not necessarily danced in a certain order. For the convenience of the Federation groups the routine given here is as danced by Chang's International Folk Dancers.

MUSIC: Records: Kismet A109 (124) may be used if slowed down and each pattern is repeated.
Folk Dancer 1061
Imperial 1021
Piano: Beliajus, "Dance and Be Merry," Vol. II.
Music in 3/4 time.

FORMATION: Couples, inside hands held, facing CCW.

STEPS: Waltz*, step-draw, balance. Steps are described for M; W uses opp hand, ft.

Music (3/4)		PATTERN
I. Pas d' Espan Step		
A	Measure	
	1	Facing ptr., stamp diagonally fwd. on outside ft., swing inside ft. and joined inside hands fwd.
	2	Turning back to back, rise slightly on inside ft., close outside ft. to inside.
	3-4	Keeping inside hands fwd. and remaining back to back, step bwd. on outside ft., draw inside to closed position. Step-close bwd. again.
	5-8	Repeat fwd. starting on inside ft., swinging joined hands back and facing partner for 2 step-draws bwd. on inside ft.
B	9-10	Chorus - Face ptr., (hands not joined). Balance to R then L as follows: Step back on R, step L across in front, step back on R; repeat starting L.
	11-12 13-16	With 2 waltz steps exchange places with ptr., passing R shoulders, and turning R to face each other. Repeat balances and waltz steps to return to own places.
II. Waltz Turn		
A	1-2	Starting with outside ft., take 2 waltz steps fwd. (LOD) turning completely around away from ptr. End facing ptr. Take 2 step-draws in I.O.D.
	3-4	Repeat waltz turns and step-draws in opp. direction.
	5-8	
B	9-16	Chorus
III. Pas d' Espan Step		
A	1-3	Same as for meas. 1-3 of Figure I. (Note only 1 step-draw.)
	4	Step bwd. on outside ft., pivot on that ft. while swinging the inside ft. back and thru so as to face in opp. direction. Drop hands and join other hands.
	5-8	Repeat whole Pas d' Espan Step facing in new direction.
B	9-16	Chorus
		Repeat from beginning.