

FINNISH WALTZ STEP  
(Finland)

Beginner

TAPE: Port Townsend 1985 (or any Finnish waltz).

TYPE: Couples, ballroom position, right hips together.

INTRODUCTION: Start when ready.

- A. Both begin R (foot nearest partner), men move fwd, women back on first step.

Men: Fwd R, pause, close L, back R, pause, close L, etc.

To turn right: Men - make the fwd step long and diag right, and the back step short and diag left.

- B. To make left turns: Use 3 steps to put left hips together: R L R (123), and then use reverse footwork (i.e., fwd L, close R, etc.). To turn left, men make the fwd step long and diag left.

- C. Use the 3 steps (LRL) to put right hips together in order to dance part A.

NOTE: This dance should be smooth and flowing with little bobbing. Men must signal clearly to partner when shifting from right to left orientation.

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