

AVANT-DEUX DE TRAVERS
(France - Brittany)

This is a popular form of a dance done throughout Brittany. This one is done in mixed lines and comes from L'Orient region on the Coast. Source: Simone Mésonéro.

Pronunciation:

Record: Laridaine. ML-1 (45 rpm). 2/4 meter.

Formation: Short mixed lines, 4 - 6 people. Tight hold; arms held upwards (under shldr height), elbows bent, very close. Looks somewhat like Turkish-type hold, but fingers are not interlocked.

Meas

Pattern

Basic travel step

- 1 "Two-step": Step fwd onto R (ct 1); close L to R (ct &); step fwd on R (ct 2); small hop on R (ct &).
- 2 Repeat action as above but reversing direction and ftwk (moving bkwd and at the same time turning entire line CW, freely in room).
- 3-8 Repeat action of meas 1-2 three times.

"Chorus Step"

- 1 Take small step fwd onto R (ct 1); small hop on R (ct &); small step bkwd onto L (ct 2); small hop on L (ct &).
- 2 Take small step to R on R (ct 1); small hop on R (ct &); small step to L on L (ct 2); small hop on L (ct &).
- 3-8 Repeat action of meas 1-2 three times. Do not move around room on this step.

Dance repeats from beginning.

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