

# Cigansko Horo

## Циганско хоро

(Čičovata-чичовото хоро )

Bulgaria

Notes by Andrew Carnie ©2014, based on the videos below.

There are many dances called Cigansko. This one is a variant of the dance Čičovata. There are also almost as many ways of doing Čičovata as there are villages in Bulgaria. So don't be surprised if you see something different. This should not be confused with the Macedonian folk dance Ciganko which is currently popular in the US.

There are two versions of the recording for this dance. One is the basic version by [Sanja Ilic i Balkanika \[http://youtu.be/imXM4KuDL0Y\]](http://youtu.be/imXM4KuDL0Y) . The other is a [version overlaid with hip hop and rap by Cvija \[http://youtu.be/rR8tuoNvDkE\]](http://youtu.be/rR8tuoNvDkE) . Both are danceable, you can pick to your taste. (If the above links don't work you can buy both these tracks on iTunes or Amazon)

**Formation:** open circle in V (hands down) or Belt Hold

**Meter** 4/4

Bar 1: Grapevine to R: R to R (1), L in front (2), R to R (3), L behind (4)

Bar 2: Grapevine to R: R to R (1), L in front (2), R to R (3), L behind (4)

Bar 3: Two step kicks: R to R (1), Kick L forward (2), L to L (3), Kick R forward (4)

Bar 4: Three twizzles: With weight on both feet present heels to R (twizzle) (1) twizzle L (2), Twizzle R (3) step on L (4)

Bar 5: Cross R in front of L (1) Step back on L in place (2), Step R in place next to L (3) hop on R, with a slight lift of the L (4)

Bar 6: Step on L (1), Hop on L with a slight lift on the R (2) Step R in place (3), Step L in place (4)

Bars 7-8: repeat bars 5-6

**Note that some groups do 5-8 first then 1-4.**

