

# Aalistullaa

(Finnish)

Aalistullaa is a Röntyskä dance from Ingeria, the area around St. Petersburg where a Finnish-speaking population was the majority until World War II.

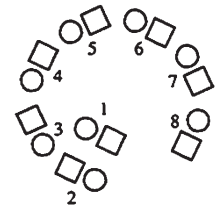
Pronunciation:

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4/4 meter

Formation: Couples in a large circle, W on M's L, hands joined in V-pos.

Steps: Walking or small, running steps, one step to a ct (4 cts to a meas).  
Twirl—Face ptr and join hands palm to palm (ML, WR and MR, WL).  
Holding hands out about shldr level, walk in indicated direction.



Meas

Pattern

## INTRODUCTION.

Cpl 1 run in and stand facing the Cpl 2 on the L.

### I. FORWARD AND BACK

- 1-2 Facing cpls take 4 steps fwd (meas 1) and 4 steps back.
- 3-4 Repeat meas 1-2.
- 5-6 Ptrs twirl 8 steps CW.
- 7-8 Ptrs twirl 8 steps CCW.

### II. PASS-THROUGH

- 1 Change places with opp person, passing R shldr and turning alone to R (CW).
- 2 Repeat meas 1 back to orig place.
- 3-4 Repeat meas 1-2.
- 5-6 Facing cpls twirl 8 steps CW.
- 7-8 Facing cpls twirl 8 steps CCW.

### III. ARCHES

- 1 Cpl 1 raise joined hands and change places with Cpl 2 with 4 slipping steps, Cpl 2 goes under the arch.
- 2 Repeat meas 1 back to orig place with Cpl 1 going under Cpl 2's arch.
- 3-4 Repeat meas 1-2.
- 5-8 Cpl 2 twirl CW and CCW while Cpl 1 moves on to Cpl 3.

Repeat entire dance, Cpl 1 dancing with Cpl 3. Repeat again with Cpl 1 dancing with Cpl 4 and Cpl 2 dancing with Cpl 3. Continue with new cpls until music ends.

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