

KUJANEN
(Finland)

Kujanen is a dance from south Carelia.

Pronunciation: KOO-yah-nen

Music: Suomen Nuorison Liitto, Side B, Band 4 2/4 meter

Formation: Two lines, cpl facing cpl, W to R of ptr.

Steps: Slides (2 per meas); Finnish Polka, (R): start to jump off of L ft (ct ah); land on both ft, R toes a little fwd of L ft (ct 1); step on L (ct &); step on R (ct 2); hold (ct &). Wt is always on ball of ft. Step alternates. Finnish Polka (L): use opp ftwk, landing with L toes a little fwd of R (ct 1). Walk.

MeasPattern

2 meas INTRODUCTION.

FIGURE I.

Hands joined, shldr level, all along the lines. People on ends of line have fists on hips.

1-8 8 slides twd head of hall and 8 slides returning; no wt on last closing step in each direction.

FIGURE II

Own hands held behind back, R hand holds L wrist

1-4 Beginning with Finnish Polka (R) dance 4 steps, as follows: Turn 1/4 L to put R shldr in ctr; then 1/2 R to put L shldr in ctr; 1/2 L with R shldr in; and full turn to R to put R shldr in.

5-8 Beginning with 1/2 turn L, repeat meas 1-4 (Fig II), but putting R,L,R,R shldrs out from ctr.

FIGURE III

1-8 Opp cpls join hands at shldr level to make a circle of 4. Start R, circle CW with 8 walking steps (2 per meas); circle CCW with 8 walking steps, again starting R.

Repeat dance 2 more times.

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