

LANSSI
(Finland)

Lanssi is a Finnish square dance.

Pronunciation:

Record: Suomen Nuorison Liitto, side 2, band 2. 2/4 meter.

Formation: Four cpls in a square. M have ptr on R. Inside hands are joined, outside hands free. Cpls are numbered CW with cpl 1 facing the head of hall.

Steps: Running steps.

meas

Pattern

2 chords INTRODUCTION.

FIGURE I.

- 1-4 Fwd and back, cpls 1 and 3: Both begin with L ft, take four steps running fwd and four bkwd, acknowledging ptr when leaving, and opp when meeting.
- 5-8 Take ballroom pos, W going bkwd, turn CW twice around.
- 9-16 Turn CCW with 16 steps ending in original pos. At the end W pass one turn beneath joined hands CW.
- 17-24 Corner ptrs turn in the ballroom pos (W going bkwd) CW, 16 steps, and
- 25-32 CCW 16 steps; at the end W turn beneath the joined hands.
- 33-64 Cpls 1 and 3 return to original pos, while cpls 2 and 4 repeat action of meas 1-32.

FIGURE II.

- 1-8 Nos. 1 and 3 M dance karkelo: eight steps twd each other's L shldr (to the R), passing each other briefly, stop and reverse bkwd and pass each other with R shldr into each other's places, with eight steps. Hold arms folded.
- 9-12 M turn 1-1/2 times around with the opp W CCW (M R hand on W waist, L hands joined), with eight steps.
- 13-16 With eight steps M run back to original place with the opp W, W pass between ptrs.
- 17-20 Turn with eight steps 1-1/2 times around CCW.
- 21-24 W turn beneath the joined hands and run back to original places, passing each other with R shldrs, eight steps.
- 25-32 In ballroom pos (W going bkwd), turn CW eight steps, CCW eight steps. At the end W turn beneath the joined hands.
- 33-64 Cpls 2 and 4 dance action of meas 1-32, Fig. II.

LANSSI (continued)FIGURE III.

- 1-8 All cpls run with 16 steps once around the circle CCW, M with R hand on W waist, and L hands joined.
- 9-16 Turn with ptr CCW with 16 steps, and at the end W turn beneath the joined hands.
- 17-24 Dance 16 steps once around the circle CW.
- 25-32 Turn CCW with ptr 16 steps.

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