

SOUSTA
(Greece - Rodos)

Source: The sousta is a dance from the islands. The word means "spring," a noun meaning the spring in a wagon or automobile. This particular sousta is from the group of islands called the Dodekanisa (12 islands) -- more particularly it is from the island of Rodos (Rhodes).

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Music: Dora Strautou LP #2, RCA Victor
Roditiki Sousta 45; His Master's Voice 3349
2/4 time

Formation: Men and women in a broken circle with a front chain hold, L arms over; or holding hands as in the dance Tsakonikos.

Characteristics: This is a form of the dance Hasapikos. It is lively in spirit, and the steps are small.

<u>Meas</u>	<u>cts</u>	<u>2/4 time</u>
I	1	Step to R on R.
	2	Step next to R on L.
II	1	Step to R on R.
	2	Touch L next to R.
III	1	Step fwd slightly on L.
	2	Touch R next to L.

VARIATION

I		Step to R on R.	
		Hop on R in place.	
		Step on L behind R.	
II		Step to R (slightly fwd) on R.	
		Hop on R in place.	
III		Step fwd on L)	
		Step fwd on R)	two-step
		Step fwd on L)	

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