

# Lomska Râćenica

(Bulgaria)

The name translates as a Râćenica from the town of Lom in N. W. Bulgaria. Many towns in N. W. Bulgaria have their own version of the line Râćenica. Included here are variants notated in two different locations. The first, known as Râćenicata, was learned and notated by Jaap Leegwater in the village of Lipen, Mihailovgrad district, N. W. Bulgaria, in the fall of 1979. The second was learned by Jaap Leegwater and Nina Kavardjikova from Censlav Dokov, dancer from Vidin, N. W. Bulgaria in the fall of 1991.

Pronunciation: LOHM-skah ruh-cheh-NEET-sah

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Rhythm: 7/8 meter, counted 1-2 1-2 1-2-3 or 1 2 3, QQS

Formation: Medium-length lines, hands in belt hold, L over R.

Styling: Severnjaški / Vlach: light and jumpy, small and energetic steps on the whole ft, relaxed shldrs react naturally in a bouncy way to the rhythm of the steps.

## Meas

## Pattern

16 meas

### INTRODUCTION

#### PART 1. RÂĆENICATA

- 1 Facing ctr and moving fwd, step on R (ct 1); step on L next to the heel of R ft (ct 2); step with emphasis or fall onto R (ct 3).
- 2 Repeat meas 1 with opp ftwk.
- 3 Repeat meas 1.
- 4 Moving bkwd, hop on R, swinging L ft in an arc around fwd, sdwd, behind (ct 1); step on L behind R (ct 2); step on R (ct 3).
- 5 Repeat meas 4.
- 6 Turning to face L of ctr and dancing in place, small lift or hop on R, immediately followed by a step on L (ct 1); lift R knee in front (ct 2); small hop on L, kicking R leg down (ct 3).
- 7 Small lift or hop on L, immediately followed by a light stamp with the ball of the R ft next to L ft, no wt (ct 1); lift R knee in front (ct 2); small hop on L, kicking R leg down (ct 3).
- 8 Repeat meas 7.
- 9-32 Repeat meas 1-8 three more times.

#### PART 2. LOMSKA RÂĆENICA

- 1 Facing ctr and moving diag fwd R, step on R (ct 1); step on L slightly behind and across R (ct 2); step on R (ct 3).
- 2 Moving diag fwd L, step on L (ct 1); step on R slightly behind and across L (ct 2); step on L (ct 3).
- 3 Repeat meas 1.
- 4 Moving diag fwd R, hop on R, sharply lifting L knee in front (ct 1); step on L (ct 2); step on R (ct 3).
- 5 Moving in LOD, repeat meas 4.
- 6 Facing ctr and moving bkwd, jump on both ft together (cts 1-2); hop on L, lifting R knee and extending R leg fwd down ("spusek") (ct 3).
- 7 Repeat meas 6 with opp ftwk.

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- 8 Repeat meas 6.  
9-32 Repeat meas 1-8 three more times.

**Note:** Jaap taught the dance for four medium-length lines facing on the sides of a square. During Part 2, each line progressed 1/4 CCW.

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