

STARO ERKEČKO HORO
(Bulgaria; Thrace)

This dance was learned from Professor Stefan Vāglaroff, Sofia. It was also seen at Koprivštica in 1976, performed by a village group from Kozičino. It is an interesting 8-ct Pravo type dance, which originally was led by women who were often singing. The second part of the dance tended to be male dominated. Other names for this dance are: Erkečkata (from the old name for the village Kozičino, (Pomorijsko), and Obiknoveno Horo.

Pronunciation: STAĦ-roh ehr-KECH-koh hoh-ROĦ

Record: Any good Pravo Trakijsko type, preferably slow with a four bar melody. 2/4 meter.

Formation: Open circle, belt hold, L over R. Face slightly R, R ft free.

<u>Meas</u>	<u>Ct</u>	<u>Pattern</u>
		<u>FIGURE I.</u>
1	1	Step fwd on R to R (sinking slightly into knees).
	2	Step fwd on L to R.
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	&	Step on L to R crossing behind R.
	2	Small leap onto R ft to R.
	&	Step on L crossing in front of R.
3-4		Repeat action of meas 1-2.
		<u>FIGURE II.</u>
1	1	Step on R to R.
	&	Hop on R, lifting L fwd.
	2	Step on L diag in front, bending body fwd from waist.
	&	Stamp R behind but next to L, no wt.
2	1	Step bkwd on R ft, turning to face ctr.
	&	Step bkwd on L.
	2	Step fwd on R.
	&	Step fwd on L.
3	1	"Bloop-Bloop" step: a quick leap, body twisting slightly L,R as the ft land, R then L.
	&	Step fwd on R.
	2	Step fwd on L.
	&	Stamp R ft slightly behind but close to L.
4	1	Step bkwd on R ft.
	&	Step bkwd on L.
	2	Leap bkwd onto R ft.
	&	Step bkwd onto L.
		Repeat dance from beginning.

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