Croatian Waltz Jam Sa Sirota (Croatia)

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Music: https://archive.org/details/Huszar-miskovicTamburaskiZbor-JaSamSirotaiAmPoor [https://archive.org/details/Huszar-miskovicTamburaskiZbor-JaSamSirotaiAmPoor]

Meter: 3/4

Formation: Couples, start with M in center, and W on the outside, holding nearer hands.

Use a waltz step throughout

Bars 1-2: Starting with outside foot, take two waltz steps forward in LOD

Bars 3-4: turn towards each other to face RLOD, switch hands, and take two waltz steps backing up in LOD, end facing partner

Bars 5-6: Take R hand in R hand and turn once around partner with two waltz steps, end facing LOD, nearer hands joined

Bar 7: Take one waltz step (outside foot) backing up out

Bar 8: Either take one more waltz step backwards (inside foot) or, step on inside foot and swing outside foot towards partner.

The dance described above is all there was in the original choreography, but in many groups in the USA, the above sequence is repeated twice, and then the couple does a CW turning partner waltz in ballroom position progressing CCW around the room.