

Tanko Bushi

(Coal Miner's Dance)
Japan

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record: folkdancer MH2010

Individuals in a circle

9 beat introduction

Bar 1 "Digging"

1	2
Point R toe down and to the R (as if stepping on a shovel blade)	step on shovel blade w/R, but put weight on foot
hands "holding shovel" R hand low	as in count 1

Bar 2 repeat bar 1 with L foot

Bar 3 "Throwing coal over shoulder"

1	&	2
touch R fwd	step R	Touch L forward
hands over R shoulder (throwing bag of coal)		Hands over L shoulder

Bar 4 "Shield Eyes"

1	&	2
touch L bwd	step L backward	Touch R bwd
L arm behind body, R hand shield's eyes		Switch Arms

Bar 5 "Pushing Cart"

1	2
Step R fwd	step L fwd
both hands push forward	push again

Bar 6 "Swinging"

1	&	2
Cross R over L	step L in place	Step R next to L
swing arms back	swing arms forward	clap

(Tanko Bushi cont')

Bar 7 "clapping"

1	2
Clap	Clap

Every second time through the dance clap 5 more times.