

Petyelky

(Russia)

"The girls were weaving a carpet" is the translation of the circle dance song, "Shily Devushky Kovyor." The khorovod that goes with the song is called "Petyelky," meaning "loops" in English. The dance comes from the research of Folklorist A. Koltilova, who was a folklorist and art leader of the North Russian Folk Choir. The dance was introduced in Switzerland in 1991 by Hennie Konings.

Pronunciation: peht-YEHL-kee

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4/4 meter

Formation: Square of indeterminate size with approximately equal number of girls on each side, facing and moving CCW. Any unmarried men stand and watch at the corners of the square.

Meas

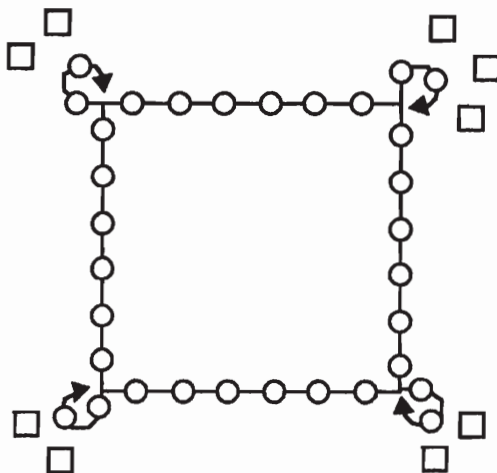
Pattern

5 meas

INTRODUCTION. No action.

PATTERN

Women walk fwd with small gliding steps on balls of ft, one step to a ct. Hands are at sides. At the corners of the square, each woman make a small CW loop, nodding to the men; pass R shldr and moving behind the woman following, to move on along the next side of the square.



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