

Constantinople

Choreographed by Robert Rice and Joan Price, USA, December 2004

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2 wall, Easy Beginner level, 32-count line dance & 1 easy tag

Music: "Istanbul" by Trevor Horn Orchestra (156 bpm), CD: Mona Lisa Smile

Choreographers' note: After teaching It's Istanbul (chor. Jo and John Kinser) to our intermediate dancers, we wanted a super simple dance to this delightful song for our new dancers. (We used the Kinser's tag so that we'd be doing the same steps at that point when we danced a split floor.)

1: R side, together, side, heel; step + heel x 3

1, 2 Step R foot to R side, step L foot beside R.

3, 4 Step R foot to R side, tap L heel forward on L diagonal with leg extended

5, 6, 7, 8 Step L foot to L side, tap R heel forward; step R foot to R side, tap L heel forward

2: L side, together, side, heel; step + heel x 3

1, 2 Step L foot to L side, step R foot beside L.

3, 4 Step L foot to L side, tap R heel forward on R diagonal with leg extended

5, 6, 7, 8 Step R foot to R side, tap L heel forward; step L foot to L side, tap R heel forward

Styling suggestion for steps 4,6,8 of sections 1 & 2: extend arms towards heel and click fingers.

3: Forward lock step brush R, L

1, 2, 3, 4 Step R forward on R diagonal, slide L behind R, Step R forward on R diagonal, brush L forward

5, 6, 7, 8 Step L forward on L diagonal, slide R behind L, Step L forward on L diagonal, brush R forward

4: ¼ turn pivots x 2

1, 2, 3, 4 Step forward R, hold, make ¼ turn L shifting weight to L foot (9:00)

5, 6, 7, 8 Step forward R, hold, make ¼ turn L shifting weight to L foot (6:00)

Start again!

Tag: Step back, drag heel x 4

1, 2 Step back R on R diagonal, drag L heel to R, clap

3, 4 Step back L on L diagonal, drag R heel to L, clap

5, 6, 7, 8 Repeat 1-4

This tag happens after 4 repetitions of the dance, where the song goes, "It's nobody's business but the Turks."

Note: This dance may be danced contra. Enjoy!