

ALUNELUL ca la CIRNA

Oltenia, Romania

This Alunelul dance from Birca, Dolj in southern Oltenia was learned by Alexandru David from Costea Constantin of the Research House of Bucharest.

Formation: Line or semi-circle, mixed dance. Hands in "V" hold, or front or back basket hold.
If "V" hold is used, swing arms rhythmically during walking steps

Measure:

- 1-2 In right LOD walk R, L (cts 1, 2); followed by a triplet R-L-R (on cts 3, 4)
- 3-4 Reverse measure 1-2 in left LOD
- 5-6 Repeat measure 1-2 in right LOD
- 7 Three stylish steps moving slightly forward, L-R-L, with legs about 18" apart and knees bent. With each step, bent knee dips slightly outward.
- 8-9 Facing center and dancing in place, Hop on L, cross R in front, step L in place, step R beside L, cross L in front, step R in place, step L beside R
- 10-11 Into center step R; touch scuff L - no weight; Step L, touch scuff R - no weight; Step R, stamp L beside R while pivoting to face left LOD
- 12 Move directly out of the circle, facing L LOD
Step L to L (ct 1), close-click R to L
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Step L to L (ct 1) ending with no weight on R facing center

Repeat dance from beginning.