

Vintage Dance Society

Java

The dance is done in basic ballroom position. Man starts on his right foot, lady starts on her left foot. Steps are described for the man; the lady does the opposite. Most steps are done backing the lady. Music is typically fast, requiring you to keep your steps very small.

Marche (Basic Walk)	Backing the lady: Right, left, right. Left, right, left.
Balance (Point)	Right, point left, hold. Left, point right, hold.
Waltz Step	Turn (right), side (left), close (right), turn (left), side (right), close (left). (This step is similar to an 1890s waltz and can also be done as reverse waltz.)
Rock Step	Step forward on your right, rock back on your left; rock forward on your right. Step forward on your left, rock back on your right, rock forward on your left.
Lock Step	To the Right: Step right, close left behind, step right. To the Left: step left, close right behind, step left.
Cross Step	To the Left: Cross right, step left, close right To the right: Cross left, step right, close left (Step is done somewhat on the diagonal)
Side to Side	To the Right: Step right, close left, step right To the Left: Step left, close right, step left (Very small steps done either cross line of direction or on a slight diagonal)
Stamp Step	To the Left: Side left, right, left, right, left, right, left, right, left, stamp, stamp. Repeat going towards the right.*
Lift Step	Step to the left, close right, lift left (done 3x), step (and reverse), heel. Repeat to the right*

(*Change feet by ending previous step with two stamps or stamp with no weight. Can also be done to the right first)

Simple sequence: 8 bars marche (or 4 bars of marche, 4 bars something else), 4 bars balance, 3 bars waltz, 1 bar balance, 3 bars reverse waltz, 1 bar balance

Steps as reconstructed by Richard Powers and Sylvie & Bruno and as interpreted by Marc Casslar and Martha Griffin

© 2006 Vintage Dance Society

P.O. Box 832, Bloomfield, Connecticut 06002 • (860) 286-9191
visit our website at: vintagedancing.com or email us at: vintagedance@snet.net