

BUTTERFLY

GERMAN M 114

This is a very popular German dance from the province of Mecklenburg. It is also appearing in German Folk Dances by Paul Dunsing.

Formation: Couples in a double circle. Man stands behind girl's left shoulder right hands joined at the girls right shoulder and left hands joined in front of man's chest (Varsovienne position)

Action: Both start the same way. "Heel and toe and heel and close", first with the left foot. (In position, place left heel forward on count 1, put it back to place but point toe on count 2, left heel forward again on count 3, put it back to place on count 4). Partners look at each other over girl's left shoulder. Repeat leading off with right heel, toe, etc., and looking over girl's right shoulder. (A slight pivot of both partners makes this possible). Next, two polka steps, one to the left and one to the right. While the man continues with two polka steps forward the girl turns once around under the man's right arm with two polka steps. Left hands are on hips.