

HOW TO DANCE THE TANGO, No. 1

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Illustrated With Specially Posed Photographs

THE tango is erroneously supposed to consist of an intricate maze of steps and figures to the number of a hundred or more. To tell the truth, there is just one basic step, upon which the whole fabric of the dance is founded. This is the corde or, as it is also called, the cortex.

Until one has mastered this step perfectly it is useless to attempt the tango. Although it is simple to describe and looks very easy, it takes quite awhile to get the proper swing. The principle of the step is as follows:

The man steps forward on his right foot, then forward on his left, bringing

The half corde, which is used a great deal, consists of the forward step, the stamp and a short, slow step back with the left foot. Follow this with a slight dip and go forward on the left.

The side corde is danced in open position—that is, facing in the same direction, with hands clasped in front. The step is the same as in the full corde, except that both are going in the same direction. Another striking step is the "scissors."

Stand facing one another. The man crosses his right foot in front of his left. Turn slightly on the ball of the foot so that both are facing in the same direction. Step forward on the left, turn toward each other and half way around. Raise the left foot and cross it in front of right, take step forward on the right foot, turn and repeat original measure. The girl's step is the same as the man's except that it is on different feet. In this, as in the corde, make the forward steps slow, and on the turn raise the foot quickly so that the motion is a contrasting one.

In the so called Argentine tango, as it was first danced here, there were a number of dips and bends, but the impossibility of doing these steps on a crowded floor has caused the majority of people to give them up. The newer Parisian tango has no dips at all in it, depending entirely upon the corde, and for that reason being a great deal nearer the original.

The following rules for beginners, as compiled by Mr. and Mrs. Rowley Downs, should prove a great aid to any one who is anxious to learn:

Do not stand unnaturally when dancing.

Do not lead weakly.

Hold the lady in a normal position, not too close or too loose.

Do not hold the arm straight out. It should be bent at the elbow, with hands clasped above the head.

Do not dance on the heels.

Conform the length of your step to your partner's.

Adjust your arm to the lady's height.

Never accentuate movements of the shoulders or hips.

Keep elbows still.

Keep these in your mind's eye and remember them when you are dancing and you will find it much easier to get along.

The continual call for something new must be answered. Why not try and devise a new step yourself. When doing this, however, bear in mind that the grotesque step or posture is not the one that finds popular favor. Make them simple, effective and in keeping with the dance to which they are done.



CORRECT POSITION FOR START OF THE TANGO.

the right foot over till it touches the left heel. Raise the left foot at moment of contact and step back on it. Take another step back on right foot and bring left ever till feet touch. From this position raise the right foot and continue with original step. This is the full corde. After learning the rotation of the foot positions try and get a little snap into the last step. That is when you bring the feet together at the end of the forward and backward steps. The two long steps should be done slowly, and the drag should take the form of a slight stamp such as the Spaniards do in their folk dances. The girl is going in the opposite direction all of the time.

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