

VEYSEL BARI  
(Turkey)

This dance from Bayburt in Northeastern Turkey was learned by Bora Özkök from the University of Istanbul Ethnic Dancers in 1970.

Pronunciation: vey-SEL BAHR-uh

Record: BOZOK 103, Side 2, Band 2. 2/4 meter.

Formation: Mixed line, little fingers hooked at shldr level. Ends of line hold handkerchief in free hand.

Steps and Styling: This is a very happy dance. Shimmying is very much a part of the dance. There is a basic step with two variations; the leader calls which variation to do. The basic step is done through twice, a variation is done once, the basic done twice more, a variation once, and so on throughout the dance. The music for the variation differs from the basic step.

Meas

Pattern

BASIC STEP

- 1 Facing ctr, step R in place, lift L fwd, toes pointing down (cts 1,&); cross L in front of R and touch L toe on floor, lift L (cts 2,&).
- 2 Repeat action of meas 1, using opp ftwk.

VARIATION I: Leader calls "yürü" which means "walk."

- 1 Moving LOD, walk, R, L, R, L (cts 1,&,2,&).

VARIATION II: Leader calls "dön" which means "turn."

- 1 Moving LOD, release handhold and make two CW turns while walking R, L, R, L and clapping with each step (cts 1,&,2,&). Also clap a fifth time, which will be on the first count of the basic step as it follows the turn variation. Hands are rejoined immediately after the last clap.

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