

# Learning the Sequence and Choreography of the Gato



## Lesson 5

**Dance Practice is in Full Swing! Grab Your Partner and Join in the Fun!**

## Choreography of the Dance:

A couple. Initial position: straight, faced, giving the gentleman the left to the audience (first placement). It is danced with finger snaps. The step is quick.

This dance begins with the basic step that consists of three movements.

First Movement: Left foot forward

Second Movement: Right foot forward resting its ball beside the left foot, supporting body weight

Third Movement: Left foot sole a little in front of right foot



The following step initiates with right foot.

First: Introduction 8 beats.

(First part: singer will initiate by saying, “*Primera!*”)

1. **FULL TURN—**

The male and female dance around one another in one large, complete circle to the right on the sides of the square and stop in the initial point (with finger snaps).

2. **TURN—**

The male and female each dance a smaller circle around one another to the right on the sides of the square and stop in the initial point (with finger snaps).

3. **TAP-DANCING (*Zapateo*) AND STRUT (*Zarandeo*)—**

The lady performs two circular struts of 4 steps each one. The gentleman tap-dances with different steps.

4. **HALF TURN—**

The male and female dance half way around the large circle, moving to the right on the sides of the square (with finger snaps).

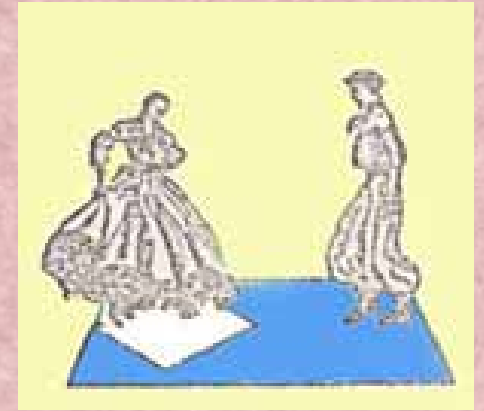
5. **TAP DANCING (*Zapateo*) AND STRUT (*Zarandeo*)—**

The lady makes a circular strut of eight steps. The gentleman tap-dances with different steps.

6. **FINAL TURN AND CORONATION—**

The gentleman and lady undertake a final turn, afterwards they move towards the center of the square, spreading the arms near the shoulders. Brief lively square and then they go back to their positions in order to wait for the instrumental interlude and the singer to say, "*Segunda!*" Then, they dance the second part by repeating steps 1–6. They finish in the same place they occupied at the beginning of the dance. The couple ends the dance in a final embrace in which the gentleman crowns the lady.





# Video Demonstrations

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7bB9hp4h6M>

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