

# Gergyovsko Pravo Horo

*Source:* IHB#12—Fire    *Type:* Bulgarian dance from Thrace (Trakiya)    *Rhythm:* 2/4    *Presented by:* Iliana Hristova Bozhanova, 2008    *Formation:* Arms are in W position. This is Pravo Trakiisko Horo —the most popular dance in Thrace. The word “Gergyovsko” comes from Saint George’s Day (May 6)—one of our biggest traditional celebrations. This is the Day of the Shepherds. Pravo Trakiisko Horo has a basic figure of 3 measures. The figure can be danced to the right in a circle, or diagonally in and out of the circle. This shapes of moving “zig-zag” gradually to the R side is very beautiful, especially if you have many dancers. It is a mixed, led dance; the leader must be a good dancer. The hands are basically held in W position, but in some variations they can sway. LOD-R side in a circle.

Measure	Figure 1—Basic—3 measures to LOD	Measure	Figure 4 —Kosi—6 measures in and out of circle
1	Facing diagonally right step on R foot FWD to LOD. Step on L foot across R foot	1	Same as measure from Figure 3, diagonally FWD to R side
2	Step on R foot FWD to LOD Lift on R foot	2	Hook with R foot, while hopping on L foot Leap onto R foot FWD
3	Step on L foot next to R foot Lift on L foot	3	Leap onto L foot FWD Stamp on R toes behind L foot
	<b>Figure 2—6 measures in and out of the circle</b>	4–6	Same as measure 4–6 from figure 3
1–3	Same as measures 1–3 from Figure 1, but dancing diagonally FWD to R side in a circle		Sequence: Introduction 16 measures. You can alternate the figures depending on the leader or your own emotions.
4–6	Same as measures 1–3, but BKWD, out of circle (arms for measure 4 go down, measure 5 they sway forward, measure 6 sway BKWD)		
	<b>Figure 3 —Prisitvane—6 measures in and out of circle; arms in W position</b>		
1	Leap onto R foot FWD, diagonally right Leap onto L foot FWD, diagonally right		
2	Leap onto R foot FWD & lead onto L foot FWD Leap onto R foot		
3	Same as measure 2, but with opposite footwork		
4	Same as measure 1, but BKWD out of circle		
5	Leap onto R foot BKWD Lift on R foot		
6	Leap onto L foot BKWD Lift on L foot		