

# LA MARTINENCHO

(Italy - Piemonte)

Couple dance from the Piemonte region in Northern Italy. Learned from Maria Baffert.

**Pronunciation :** Lah Mahr-tee-NEHN-Choh  
**Music:** Yves and France Moreau CD  
**Meter:** 2/4  
**Formation:** Cpls in big circle, in «promenade» pos with M on the outside, and W on the inside. Special hold : M put both hands on their waist, W puts L hand on her waist and hold M's L wrist with her R hand.  
**Styling:** Light and happy.

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## Measure 2/4

## Description

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**No intro.** Start with music. After name of dance is said, there is a slight two-second pause.

### 1. Promenade

1-6 Cpls promenade in LOD with 12 small quick steps starting with R ft.  
7-8 In four steps, M turn L in front of partner to end back to ctr and facing their partner.

### 2. Pointing steps and turns

1 With hands joined with partner, and both arms outstretched, light jump on both feet with L ft pointing fwd (1) pause with slight bounce (2)  
2 Repeat same action as in meas. 1 with R ft pointing fwd  
3-4 Repeat action of meas 1-2  
5-8 Cpls then do a quick «swing-like» turn together moving CCW with 8 small quick steps starting with R to end facing each other again. When doing the turn, both M & W get very close to each other placing their R hand on their own hip.  
9-15 Repeat pattern of meas 1-7  
16 Release M's right and W's left handhold, opening up with M leading to start dance with promenade.

Repeat dance from beginning.

**Presented by France Bourque-Moreau**