



## THE SHAG

The original version, beginning in 1936 and peaking in 1938.

**BASIC** Step L, hop L; step R, hop R; step L, step R. (SSQQ) When a foot is free, lift it behind. Lady does opposite steps. Upper bodies remain quiet, close to partners, as the feet fly. Possibly hold hands straight up, elbow almost touching partner's elbow.

**SPIN** Do the Basic Shag step while turning CW or CCW on the spot.

**FOLLOW'S UNDERARM TURN** He leads her to do a clockwise outside underarm turn in place on the quick steps.

**BACK TAP** On the hop, tap the free toe to the floor, behind.

**BREAK** He steps L switching R fwd & hold; switch onto R in the same way; 2 quick switches. She steps R switching L back, etc.

**FROGGY** A sillier style where knees are lifted to the sides, often for comic effect.

**SWING KICK** Step L hitching R up behind, snap R fwd & thru; same w/opp.; End w/ 2 quick switches. Lady does Basic or Back Tap.

**SWING KICK PROMENADE** Open out side-by-side: Both do 2 Swing Kicks (L&R) advancing fwd. On the QQ, step fwd L then cut R under L. Lady opposite.

**CRAZY LEGS** Step L kicking R to right side, swing R behind L; repeat opp; Q step L swinging R to right, Q step R swinging L to left. Lady opposite.

**FORWARD CRAZY LEGS** Open out side-by-side: Step L, kick R fwd; cross R over L, kick L fwd; cross L over R, step R. Lady opposite.

**SPINNING CRAZY LEGS** Take waltz pas. and turn clockwise with Crazy Legs. His R throws wildly around on count 2; her R the same on count 4; touch back w/outside foot, as in swing, on counts 5-6.

### RELATED STEPS:

**FLEA HOP** She jumps apart, closes, kicks R forward, closes. He kicks L forward, closes, jumps apart, closes. Repeat. i.e., he kicks when her feet are apart and vice versa. Alternate kicking feet.

**SCOOTER** With feet closed together, both chug forward to the left diagonal, scoot back, chug right, scoot back.

**SCOOTER FLEA HOP** Do 2 of the above Scooter chugs then one Jumping Jack (he may kick between her feet).

**TRUCKIN'** Walk with a forward-leaning up-down movement on each step while wagging an index finger in the air.